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They arrived in a flood but they left in waves. When they came they set the University on its ear, but their departure didn't create anywhere near the fuss their arrival did.

They were the "returned men," the veterans of the Second World War who exchanged their guns for books and arrived on campus eager to make up for lost time — to get an education and get on with life.

The fallen of the Second World War are remembered on a plaque in Convocation Hall, where the Memorial Organ was rededicated in their honor. But no monument calls attention to the contributions of the veterans who, luckier than their comrades, returned from the battlefields and began forging a new life through studies at the University.

In this issue of *New Trail*, we take a look at the returned men, their experiences at the University and the impact that they had on the institution.

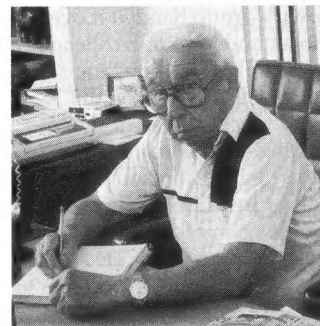
When writer Deborah Waldman first took on the assignment, we weren't quite sure what shape the story

would take. However, as Deborah conducted her research and began interviewing, it soon became clear that the story would best be told, at least in part, in the words of those who were there. Beginning on page 15, you will find Deborah's text along with some of the memories people shared with her.

While our central focus is on the veterans — the returned men — we also tell the stories of two graduates who, in very different ways, were close to the history-making events that took place 50 years ago.

These stories — the focus on the veterans and the two alumni profiles — are our tribute to the men and women who did their part and sacrificed themselves to protect the freedom that is their legacy to us.

Rick Pilger
Editor



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Ancient Chinese Secret Helps Fight Cancer

An ancient Chinese herbal remedy is helping a multidisciplinary U of A research team improve a powerful cancer-fighting treatment.

The team has made major advances in developing a form of photodynamic therapy, or PDT, using a pigment from a Chinese fungus as a photosensitizer that helps kill cancer cells when activated with laser light.

The U of A team — which includes researchers from the Department of Chemistry, the Faculties of Engineering and

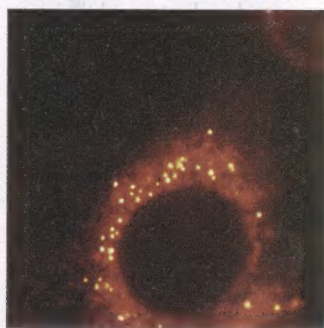


Image of a single cancer cell: the photosensitizing drugs are concentrated in the lightened areas.

Medicine, and from the Cross Cancer Institute — did not invent PDT, which has already been used for a decade. They tried to improve on it, says **Ron Moore, '80 BSc, '86 MD, '91 PhD**, of the Cross Cancer Institute, when "it became evident that the [photosensitizing] compounds weren't very good." The compounds that had been used were highly toxic, lingered in the body, and rendered patients extremely light sensitive for long periods of time after the treatments.

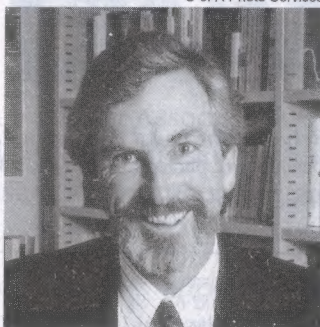
Chemistry professor Bill Lown was the first to propose the use of hypocrellin B, after discovering on a research trip to China in 1989 that the red pigment commonly used in herbal medicine was easily tolerated by the human body. "We realized it had some photosensitization potential because it was used to treat skin disorders with light," he says.

With the help of two post-doctoral fellows from the Institute of Photobiology in Beijing, Lown investigated the properties of the pigment. He found that when it is injected into a cancerous area and activated by laser light, it damages the membranes of cancer cells, causing them to die. The more light a photosensitizing compound absorbs, the longer it remains in the cells, and the better it is at targeting cancer cells.

After improving the chemical properties of hypocrellin B, Lown's group handed it over to Moore and his Cross colleague Jerry Miller, a radiobiologist. Other collaborators on the project include electrical engineering professor and laser expert John Tulip and Cross Cancer Institute surgery director Malcolm McPhee, who also chairs the Faculty of Medicine's urology division.

The promising work of the multidisciplinary team has been recognized over the past few years with funding from the Medical Research Council, the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, NSERC, and the Terry Fox Program of the National Cancer Institute.

U of A Photo Services



Doug O'wram, associate vice-president (academic), becomes the University of Alberta's new vice-president (academic) on 1 July, replacing acting VP Roger Smith. A former associate dean of both the Faculties of Arts and Graduate Studies and Research, O'wram says he looks forward to recruiting the best and brightest new faculty members and students for the University. (As a 1995 Kaplan Research Award winner, O'wram will be featured in the Autumn issue of *New Trail*.)

Bill Brennan



The Faculty of Business honored **James Shaw, '93 LLD (Honorary)**, the president and CEO of Canada's second-largest cable company, with the Canadian Business Leader Award for 1995. Dignitaries including (from left) U of A President Rod Fraser, Premier Ralph Klein, and (far right) dean of Business Rodney Schneck were on hand at a gala dinner to congratulate the broadcasting industry leader. The Faculty of Business has presented the Business Leader Award annually since 1982 to individuals who have achieved eminence in their field of endeavor and their community.

University Inks First Copyright Agreement

A new agreement with a print reproduction rights organization should allay U of A professors' and students' concerns about reproducing copyrighted material for course use.

The Canadian Copyright Licensing Agency, a collective of print copyright owners that administers the rights to much of the world's published material, will now collect and disperse royalty payments to copyright holders on behalf of the University.

The agreement between the U of A and Cancopy is based on a model followed by many Canadian post-secondary schools. It was developed by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada in cooperation with the Canadian Copyright Licensing Agency. Restrictions in the agreement include how much of a publication can be copied, how many copies can be made, and for what purpose the copies may be used. At the U of A, the

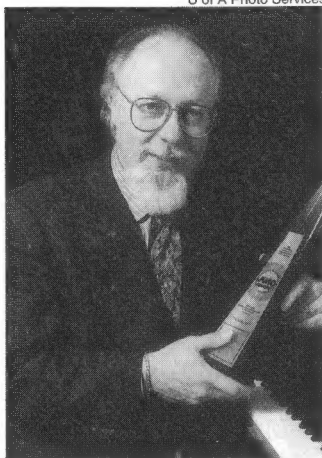
University Libraries have published *Copying Right*, a simple guide to following the detailed agreement.

Chief Librarian Ernie Ingles says that the Cancopy agreement helps University departments by centralizing the



process of seeking publishers' permission and making copyright payments. However, it does not allow people to photocopy indiscriminately — some material is excluded from the pact.

Although the concept has only recently arrived in Canada, publishers concerned about losing money through unrestricted photocopying have for some time operated organizations such as Cancopy in other countries.



Composer Wins Second Juno

Malcolm Forsyth, a U of A music professor and conductor of the University Symphony Orchestra, hit a high note this past spring as the winner of the Best Classical Composition Juno award for his composition *Sketches from Natal*. It is his second Juno — he received the first in 1987, for a composition titled *Atayoskewin*.

In 1989 Forsyth was named Composer of the Year by the Canadian Music Council, and his recordings are internationally renowned.

Students Fund Scholarships

U of A students have agreed to pay an additional \$20 along with their tuition and fees each year to endow a student access fund to provide scholarships for needy classmates.

A majority of undergraduates voted "yes" this past spring to a question on their Students' Union election ballot, asking them to approve the establishment of the fund.

Completely student-financed, the access fund is expected to yield \$400,000 a year, and could provide as many as 250 annual bursaries to needy students at the U of A starting in January 1996.

Although the additional fee will be collected automatically, students who are unable or unwilling to contribute can opt out and have the fee remitted.

M E R G E R S

Restructuring at the University has created a number of new departments formed from the consolidation of former departments and research and teaching units. The following is a listing of these new departments.

Faculty of Agriculture, Forestry, and Home Economics

■ Formed from the former departments of *Animal Science*, *Plant Science* and *Food Science and Nutrition*, the **Department of Agricultural, Food, and Nutritional Science** teaches and conducts research on the production, processing, and utilization of food, with an emphasis on collaborative research relationships with industry and government in the agri-food industry.

■ A consolidation of the departments of *Clothing and Textiles* and *Family Studies* from the former Faculty of Home Economics, the **Department of Human Ecology** studies human ecosystems — people and their interactions with their physical, socio-cultural, and aesthetic environments — and prepares professionals to empower families and individuals to address issues in their near environment.

■ Replacing the former departments of *Forest Science* and *Soil Science*, the **Department of Renewable Resources** teaches and conducts research in subject areas related to renewable resources, including: agroforestry, conservation biology, forest biology and management, landscape reclamation, protected areas and wildlands management, soil science, water and land resources, and wildlife ecology and management.

Faculty of Medicine

■ The reorganization of the former Department of *Health Services Administration and Community Medicine* has created the **Department of Public Health Sciences**, responsible for contributing to the training of practitioners in public health and for supporting public health practice, with applied health research emphasizing population-based investigation. It incorporates the study of health services administration, epidemiology, environmental health, occupational health, and community medicine.

Faculty of Arts

■ Formed from the merger of the former departments of *Religious Studies*, *Comparative Literature*, *Germanic Languages*, *Romance Languages*, and *Slavic*

Related Developments

■ The Faculty of Physical Education has moved away from a departmentalized structure, consolidating the academic activities of its former departments of *Physical Education and Sport Studies*, *Athletics* and the *Division of Recreation and Leisure Studies* and separating much of its non-academic athletics and recreation activities into a new cost-recovery unit ■ The *School of Canadian Studies* is now consolidated within the Department of Political Science ■ The **Department of East Asian Studies** is the new name for the department formerly known as *East Asian Languages and Literature* ■ Within the Faculty of Business, the former *Department of Accounting* is now known as the **Department of Accounting and Management Information Systems** ■ The former *Faculty of Library and Information Studies* is now the *School of Library and Information Studies* within the Faculty of Education ■ Following the creation in recent years of the Departments of *Laboratory Medicine*, *Pathology* and *Medical Laboratory Science*, the Faculty of Medicine has created the **Department of Oncology** from its former division of oncology.

and *East European Studies*, and the *Film Studies* program, the **Department of Modern Languages and Comparative Studies** will continue the teaching and research activities of the former departments while seeking new forms of collaboration among its members.

■ The **Department of History and Classics** will consolidate the work previously done in the separate departments of *History* and *Classics* and is currently reviewing a mandate and policies for the consolidated unit.

Faculty of Education

■ A consolidation of the former departments of *Educational Administration*, *Educational Foundations*, and *Adult, Career and Technology Education*, the **Department of Educational Policy Studies** is the new home for the BEd with concentration in adult education. It offers courses in the BEd program and graduate programs in educational administration; postsecondary, adult and higher education; the history, philosophy, and sociology of education; and international and intercultural education.

Faculty of Science

■ The merger of the former departments of *Botany*, *Entomology*, *Genetics*, *Microbiology*, and *Zoology* has resulted in the creation of the **Department of Biological Sciences**, now the largest department on campus. The consolidation allows undergraduate Science students to take a program with common components in the first two years, leading to more specialized study in any of eight different streams in the final two years of the program.

■ The consolidation of the departments of *Mathematics* and *Statistics and Applied Probability* has created the **Department of Mathematical Sciences** which will continue the teaching, research, and other work of the former departments.

■ Formed from the merger of the previous departments of *Geology* and *Geography*, the **Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences** will engage in teaching, research and related activities related to the study of the earth's interior, surface, and atmosphere and of regional and global changes through time.

Way To Go!

The University of Alberta is home to two new CIAU championship teams

For the second year in a row, the Golden Bears are the champions of men's CIAU basketball. The Bears, who were a wildcard entry into the national championships held in Halifax in late March, won the title with a resounding 84-66 win over the Concordia Stingers.



The Year of the Panda: for the first time in its 44-year history, the Pandas volleyball team has captured the CIAU title. The championship win on 5 March 1995 capped off an undefeated season for the Pandas, and the win was even sweeter coming, as it did, before a home crowd — the largest ever to watch a university women's volleyball event in Canada.

Around and About

■ High school students can now complete and transmit electronic applications to the U of A thanks to a program developed in collaboration with the Universities of Lethbridge and Calgary. A pilot project currently links three Edmonton high schools with the University, and as many as 800 electronic applications are expected for the 1995-96 academic year.

■ Renowned Canadian artist Alex Colville, in Edmonton in March for an exhibition of his work at the Douglas Uddell Gallery, lectured on campus to students, staff and visitors, and attended a Faculty Club luncheon hosted by Chancellor Lou Hyndman and Art and Design chair Desmond Rochfort.

■ The Arts Building now houses the CALL (Computer Assisted Language Learning) Centre, a modern language lab complete with digital voice recordings and computer software for

studying the grammar and vocabulary of foreign languages.

■ Professor emeritus of geography Leszek Kosinski is serving a four-year term as secretary general of the Paris-based International Social Science Council.

■ Human rights advocate Stephen Lewis, the former Canadian ambassador to the United Nations, addressed the issue of ethics and journalism at the "Walking the Line" symposium, a one-day conference that was organized by St. Stephen's College and held at Lister Hall.

■ The head of Deutsche Bank Group's investment banking arm delivered this year's Eldon Foote Lecture in International Business on campus. Kenneth Courtis, the renowned economist and financial strategist, spoke on "Canada in a World of Change: Implications and Perspectives." The Foote lecture was endowed by Eldon Foote,

'45 BSc, '48 LLB, a U of A science and law graduate and an international businessman.

■ Pauly Wong, an artist with the U of A's Graphic Design Services, created the watercolor, "Evolution in Two Centuries," that graces the cover of the 1995 Edmonton phone book.

■ The University community was saddened to note the recent passing of two longtime faculty members. Retiring biochemistry professor Cyril Kay spoke at the memorial service for Bill McCubbin, a faculty member in biochemistry for 30 years and Kay's longtime collaborator. The late Dorothy Lampard was an elementary education faculty member from 1952-66 and was chosen by former U of A president Walter Johns to serve as one of the founding members of the Faculty of Education at the U of Lethbridge.

■ The American Association of University Presses has recog-

nized the University of Alberta Press book *Max Reger's Music for Solo Piano*. Written by music professor Helmut Brauss and designed by graphics staff member Kerry Watt, '91 BA, it was honored as one of the best typographic books published by a university press last year.

■ The U of A Madrigal Singers were the only North American choir invited to compete in the Robert Schumann International Choral Competition in Zwickau, Germany. During a two-week trip overseas, the Madrigal Singers toured and performed in several cities in Germany and the Czech Republic.

■ The U of A recently hosted an engineering debating contest in which the University of Alberta team triumphed over 17 other Canadian schools. Engineering students Dave Burton and Monika Ulagaraj won a debate with students from Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario to take top honors.

50 Years Ago

A Gift of Words

Matthew Halton's reports from the battlefields of the Second World War became an integral part of daily life in the homes of Canadians hungry for news of the war abroad.

Story by Deborah J. Waldman

It is mid-afternoon on 8 December 1943, and a brilliant sun illuminates the central Italian landscape near where the Moro River empties into the Adriatic Sea. In just a few minutes, at 3:30 p.m., the Allied Forces will begin blowing up enemy positions across the river. The barrage will continue intermittently and then Allied infantry will cross the river and head up the valley to finish the attack.

From a nearby observation post, CBC radio reporter **Matthew Halton, '29 BA, '56 LLD (Honorary)**, waits for the attack that he knows is coming, and as he watches he describes his surroundings and tells his listeners what they are about to hear. Before he finishes his report, exploding bombs and the drone of airplane engines will come close to drowning out Halton's voice, but his powerful descriptions will be undiminished.

"It's incredible that one is here watching a battle and that one should have such a dramatic view of a battle, and on such a gorgeous day with the warm sun and the Adriatic dancing in the light," he says. His voice is steady and reassuring. He simply shares his thoughts.

"War on such a day seems particularly tragic and unreal, even when the enemy shells hit right on top of this old tree as they do sometimes," he continues. "You'll probably hear some. It's so beautiful — I mean the view from here. The other side of the valley is an enchanting patchwork of vivid reds, greens, and yellows, like gobs of paint, like a painting by Cézanne, and the enemy is waiting there, only two to 3,000 yards away, and now I'll take the microphone outside because it's almost half past three."

By today's journalistic standards, Halton's dramatic account borders on flowery. But to the Canadians who depended on the CBC to bring them news of the war abroad, his reports were an integral part of daily life. In countless



Accused of being a warmonger when he warned of the rise of Adolf Hitler, Matthew Halton gained prominence as a foreign correspondent during the Second World War. In his 23-year career as a reporter abroad he got to know many of the world's most prominent people.

Canadian homes, the words "This is Matthew Halton of the CBC reporting from..." brought everyday activities to a halt as the entire family gathered around the radio, ready to be transported to the distant battlefields where friends and loved ones fought and died.

His was the "warm sincere voice that helped us to understand a tangled and often menacing world," broadcaster Frank Willis reported in the tribute that the CBC aired shortly after Halton died in 1956. "We knew him as a brilliant analyst, as a dogged, hard-working reporter — most of all as a man whose gift of words made whatever he talked about come to life."

Matthew Henry Halton most likely inherited that gift of words: his grandfather was a poet and his mother was a writer who worked for the *Lethbridge Herald* and edited the *Pincher Creek Echo* in the early part of this century. Growing up in Pincher Creek, Alberta, Halton helped his mother with her newspaper columns. As an

English literature major at the University of Alberta, he became editor of *The Gateway* and earned extra money writing for the *Edmonton Journal*.

In the CBC tribute, the late U of A professor George Hardy spoke about the qualities that characterized his former student: "transparent honesty, an acute and inquiring mind, a [rage] at intolerance and injustice, and a passionate idealism."

Writing editorials for *The Gateway* provided Halton with a forum in which to exercise some of those qualities. And while he gave his readers and teachers something to think about, Halton's experience at the University of Alberta clearly gave him something equally important.

"He had wonderful professors," says his son, David Halton, a CBC Television foreign correspondent based in Washington, D.C. "I think he was very marked by that, and that

formative experience stayed with him throughout his life."

Matthew Halton was in his early twenties when he arrived at the U of A in 1925. He'd trained to be a teacher at the Calgary Normal School and had taught near his hometown and in the Peace River district. What he really wanted to do, though, was to write.

The third of six children and the first of his family to be born in Canada, Halton was the son of English immigrants who possessed a great regard for literature — when his parents left for Canada they took with them the Bible, the works of Shakespeare, and a collection of English verse.

"He memorized the lot as a child, and when he wrote he could just quote everything, because it was a part of his youth," recalls his widow, **Jean Halton (Campbell), '29 BA**, who is now 88 years old and lives in Ottawa.

Jean Halton met her future husband when they were students at the U of A. Both were on Students' Council and served on various other committees, and she liked his stand on things. She was also attracted to his romantic side, which came out early in their relationship.

"I remember going to a party where he was, and we decided — it was a moonlit night — that we'd walk across the High Level Bridge." As they strolled across the bridge, she says, "he was reciting poetry."

In later years, Halton's romantic side helped to keep their marriage alive even when he was separated from his wife while he reported from the battlefields of Spain, Finland, North Africa, Italy, and France.

"He was a great writer of love letters," Jean Halton says. "Every time he was away from me he wrote every night. I got a whole story of what was going on in those letters — they not only were love letters, but they were about what he was doing and what he felt about everything."

Halton displayed a similar passion and honesty in his news reports, and while those qualities made his reports compelling, they didn't always earn him fans. In 1934, as a foreign correspondent for the *Toronto Star*, he was accused of being a warmonger when he warned of the rise of Adolf

A Nightmare Ends

The German war is over. During the long weary years, and during hours that seemed like years, one sometimes wondered if the carnival of death wasn't a nightmare from which one would happily awake. And now that the nightmare is over, one has to wonder if it isn't a pleasant dream from which we shall wake to find the usual mad mornings of blood and death. Today the sun rises as it hasn't risen for nearly six years, and soldiers I have talked to don't quite know what to do about it. They shave and have breakfast. They clean their guns. They try to brush the mud off their clothes. They ask if there is any mail. After all, they've lived strange, dangerous lives. It's hard to believe that no shells will come screaming over. It's hard to believe that if they stand up in the open nobody will shoot at them. Death has walked at their side. It's hard to believe, for a day or two, that the nightmare is over and they can drink the wine of life.

An excerpt from Matthew Halton's broadcast for CBC Radio following VE Day, 8 May 1945.

Hitler with a story that said, among other things, that "Germany is becoming a vast laboratory and breeding ground for war."

Halton had begun working at the *Star* in 1931, having returned to Canada following studies at King's College of the University of London and also at the London School of Economics — studies financed by an IODE scholarship. He joined the *Star* as a cub reporter, beginning his reporting career writing obituaries and covering the university beat. Given the opportunity to cover the 1932 Imperial Conference in Ottawa, he attracted attention with reports that likened the various colonial prime ministers to characters out of *Alice in Wonderland*. Later the same year he was named the *Star's* London Correspondent and he departed for England — this time accompanied by Jean, his bride of two days — with free rein to travel anywhere in the British Isles or Europe to cover a story.

"We went to England just as Hitler was emerging," Jean Halton recalls. "[Matthew] had a cause to fight then. His heart was in it. He made it quite obvious what he felt. No matter what would happen, he would still say what he felt."

When Halton covered the Civil War in Spain, he shared

his dismay at the lack of French and British support for democracy. In 1940 he reported his admiration for the brave stand of the Finns against the Russian army. The following year he was off to North Africa, where he spent 18 months covering the fighting there. By this time he was doing occasional broadcasts for the CBC, and in 1943 he left the *Star* to join the CBC as senior war correspondent.

Lauded as probably one of the most brilliant foreign correspondents Canada ever produced, Halton was among the most prolific as well — shortly before he died, he estimated that he had written about four million words during his 23-year career abroad. He also interviewed a veritable history book worth of world leaders, among them Winston Churchill, Charles de Gaulle, Neville Chamberlain, Marshall Tito, Mahatma Gandhi, Haile Selassie, Jawaharlal Nehru, and Dwight D. Eisenhower.

He argued with Herman Göring — “until we were blue in the face,” he wrote — and ate sausages and eggs with Franklin D. Roosevelt the night that Roosevelt won the 1940 presidential election over Wendell Wilkie.

During his years as a foreign correspondent, Halton was based in London, and when he wasn't working he spent time hobnobbing with that city's high society and literary types, including Lady Astor, Prince Philip, George Orwell, and Evelyn Waugh. In 1945, King George VI awarded him the Order of the British Empire for his reporting, some of which also aired on the BBC.

Back home, Halton took some flak for being an “anglicized Canadian.” But as much as he enjoyed living in London, Halton was a prairie boy at heart, and he never lost his love for Canada. Though his children, Kathleen and David, spent most of their growing-up years in London, Halton made sure that they knew who they were and where their parents had come from.

“I felt a very strong sense of being Canadian,” says David Halton, who was 16 when his father died. “[My father] had this tremendous sense of rootedness in the foothills country of Southern Alberta around where he grew up in Pincher Creek.

“He always instilled in us what the foothills country had meant to him. I think he kind of romanticized it in a way. Sitting in front of the fire in London in the peak period after the war, he'd talk about the mountains and fishing and how great it was.”

David and Kathleen had a chance to see just how great it was when their father brought them to Alberta when they were youngsters. A relative met them in Lethbridge for the drive to Pincher Creek.

“There was some kind of dust storm, and the visibility was close to zero,” David Halton recalls. “At that point the streets aren't paved — there are wooden sidewalks. It all looks terribly bleak. We arrived in Pincher Creek and I remember my sister saying, ‘Well, Dad, when do we arrive in Pincher?’ and he said, ‘We're here.’”

Fortunately, the sky cleared the next day, and Halton could share with his family all the things he loved about the place where he had been raised. They rode horses in Waterton Lakes National Park, fished in the streams around Pincher Creek, and visited with relatives.

There are still Haltons in Pincher Creek, although none from Matthew Halton's branch of the family. David Halton is based in Washington, D.C. and David's sons live in eastern Canada. Kathleen died early this year in London, where she had written for *The Observer* and *The Sunday Times*. She also wrote *The Life of Kenneth Tynan*, a biography of her late husband, a writer and arts critic. Kathleen's daughter lives in California, and her son divides his time between London and New York. Jean Halton, who worked at Canada House in London for 13 years after her husband died, returned to Canada five years ago.

Matthew Halton is buried in the family plot in Pincher Creek, but he lives on through his words — in the autobiographical *Ten Years to Alamein*, which was published in 1944; in his letters, which will be stored in the National Archives of Canada; and in the thousands of news reports that linked Canadians to the wider world and brought into their homes the sights and the sounds of the world at war.

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Getting the Job Done

Clarence Johnson's determination made him a key contributor to the wartime project that changed history forever 50 years ago.

Story by Rick Pilger

He never left North America during the Second World War, never donned a military uniform until after 1945, but **Clarence Johnson**, '34 BSc, '36 MSc, was responsible for a victory in the venture that not only brought the War to an abrupt end but fractured history forever.

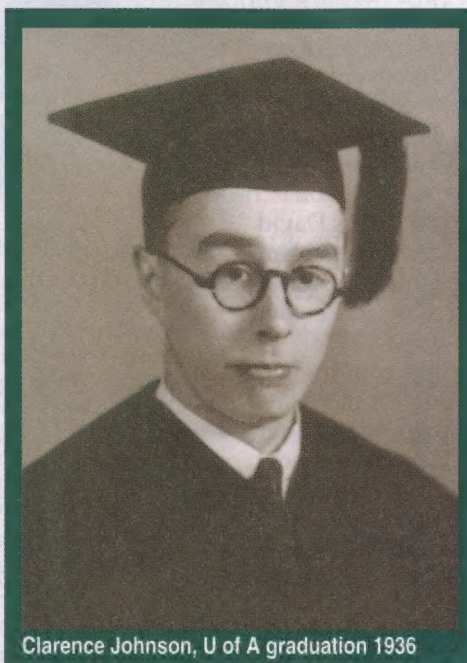
Looking back, Johnson remembers how quickly his involvement came about. "I recall in November 1941 I was waiting impatiently in a doctor's office and I picked up a copy of *Fortune* magazine. In that magazine was an article by Harold Urey. He described this U-235 element in normal uranium and what tremendous effects it would have if it was ever purified. I read this thing and I thought, 'This is a pretty screwball idea.' Three weeks later, I was put on the job."

That job was a key element of the Manhattan Project — the race to build the first atomic bomb.

Johnson, who recently spoke to *New Trail* over the telephone from his home in Sebring, Florida, was a research associate at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology when he learned that his expertise could be of use in a top-level project of the U.S. War Department.

A chemical engineer with an extensive background in chemistry and physics, he had compiled an impressive list of publications while studying chemistry at the U of A under the tutelage of the late Edward Herbert Boomer. That work earned him a scholarship to graduate school at MIT, where he had completed a PhD and then accepted a research position.

To offer his services to the War Department, in late 1941 Johnson travelled to New York, where he was to meet with the head of the Kellogg Corporation, a company specially formed to participate in the mysterious wartime project. He arrived early at the Manhattan skyscraper where the interview was to take place — timing which proved fortunate because the elevator was out of order, and his interview was to take place on the 23rd floor.



Clarence Johnson, U of A graduation 1936

With no alternative, Johnson started climbing the stairs. It wasn't easy, for an infection in infancy had caused severe damage to his left hip — his left leg is more than 13 centimetres shorter than its counterpart. However, a rigorous life on the family farm near Minburn, Alberta had taught the scientist to focus on getting the job done, and so he climbed, arriving on time for his interview.

That display of determination so impressed Kellogg president Dobie Keith that he immediately brought Johnson on board, and the native Albertan became part of what has been called the greatest single achievement of organized human effort in history: the vast scientific and industrial collaboration that produced the atomic weapons that hastened Japan's surrender, ending the Second World War.

The Manhattan Project had its origin in a letter sent to U.S. president Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1939. Signed by Albert Einstein and written at the urging of a group of scientists who had fled Europe to escape the advance of Hitler's New Order, the letter warned that Germany could be

developing a bomb whose destructive power would far exceed that of any weapon of war previously known: a bomb based on nuclear fission.

The uranium atom had first been split in the autumn of 1938 at the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute in Berlin. Within months, researchers around the world had made discoveries that pointed to a staggering conclusion: the splitting — or fissioning — of the atom could unleash immense amounts of energy. This tremendous energy might be turned to peaceful ends; it might also be used to create a bomb of incredible destructive power.

By 1941, Roosevelt had committed the industrial and scientific might of his nation to the race to build a bomb before the Germans did. Under the leadership of General Leslie Groves, the Manhattan Project — so called because it was headquartered in New York — became an undertaking of staggering dimensions.

About 200,000 people in total were involved in a project that consumed slightly more of the U.S. gross national product than did the Apollo moon project. Scarcely more than three years after the Project was begun, a continent-wide complex of plants had been built — and most of these were of totally new design. When the Project was turned over to the United States Atomic Energy Commission in 1946, it comprised 37 installations in 19 states and in Canada, and it had almost 40,000 contracted employees. It represented a wartime investment of more than \$2.2 billion (in U.S. currency of the day).

From the outset, it was recognized that the key to producing the bomb would be the production of a sufficient quantity of fissionable material. This material would have to be either U-235, a rare isotope of uranium, or the newly-discovered element plutonium (then known only to U.S. and British scientists). There were several theories about how large amounts of the two elements might be produced, but they were only theories — no practical method of producing significant quan-

tities of either element existed.

An early decision was that the Manhattan Project would proceed along two parallel tracks: the building of a plutonium bomb and the construction of a bomb fuelled by enriched uranium. (Both goals were met: on 6 August 1945 the uranium bomb was dropped on Hiroshima; on 9 August 1945 the plutonium bomb destroyed the city of Nagasaki.)

The Kellogg Corporation, a partnership between the M.W. Kellogg Company and the U.S. War Department, was established for the sole purpose of producing enriched uranium through gaseous diffusion. In his position as head of experimental research for Kellogg, Johnson tackled what proved to be the Manhattan Project's thorniest problem: the building of a barrier through which gaseous uranium could be directed to obtain the necessary fissionable material for a bomb.

As it is found in nature, uranium is composed of two isotopes — Uranium 238, present in large quantities, and Uranium 235, the far rarer isotope.

The ratio is almost 150 to one in favor of the heavier U-238 isotope. To build a bomb, the Manhattan Project scientists required uranium "enriched" to the point where it was at least 90 per cent U-235. Gaseous diffusion — pushing uranium hexafluoride gas through a series of barriers that favored the passage of the lighter U-235 isotope — was seen as one means of achieving this.

While the theory was straightforward enough, the production of enriched uranium became an engineering project of immense proportions. It ultimately involved gigantic cascades composed of thousands of diffusion stages through which specially-designed leak-proof pumps pushed the extremely corrosive uranium hexafluoride gas, slightly enriching it at each stage. The huge U-shaped building constructed at Oak Ridge, Tennessee to accommodate the diffusion apparatus covered almost 18 hectares, and each side of the U was almost a kilometre in length. At the time of its completion, the four-storey gaseous-diffusion plant was the largest construction under one roof in the world.

Throughout the construction of the diffusion plant, engineering challenges that had seemed insurmountable were tackled and overcome, but one problem — the problem upon whose solution the whole technology depended — stubbornly resisted solution. Finding the right material

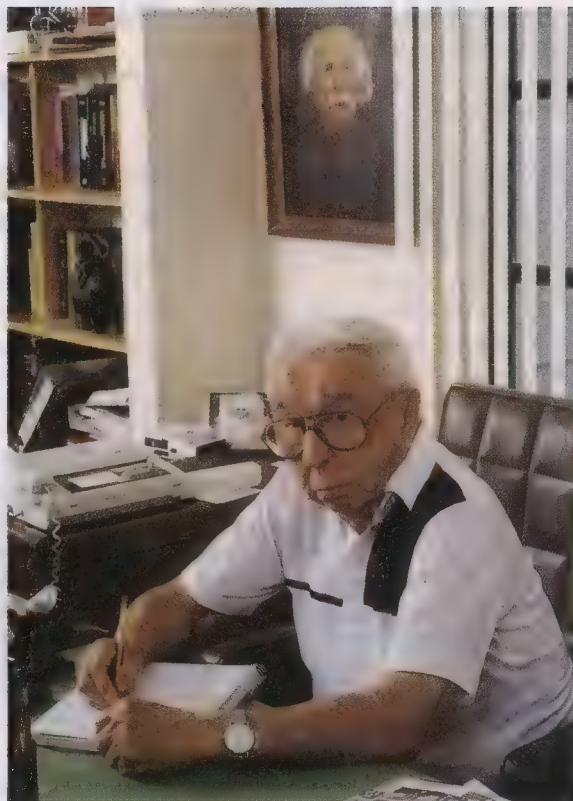
for the barriers began to seem impossible. The barrier material had to be strong, it had to be sufficiently flexible, and it had to have the right porosity — the pores, says Johnson, had to be counted in "the billions per square inch."

Laboratories throughout the U.S. and Britain tried in vain to find a suitable material for the barrier (or the "membrane" as it was referred to in Britain). At Kellogg, Johnson, who was buried under administrative duties — he supervised a staff of almost 300 — would work on the project himself long into the evening after his office work had been cleared away.

But the results were consistently discouraging. "I had a lot of sleepless nights," recalls the retired scientist.

The breakthrough came on the evening of 19 June 1943. For several days, Johnson had been trying some experiments aimed at combining the best features of the various barrier types so far developed. His experiments had produced some promising samples, but something had always failed: the porosity would be insufficient, the holes would be too big, or the material too brittle — there was always some shortcoming. On that June evening, however, Johnson, who was working with his young assistant Tony Suleski, produced a sample that seemed to have the flexibility he was seeking. He bent it and it didn't break. Excited, the researchers began porosity tests. Two hours later, at about 10:30 in the evening, the results seemed clear: after more than a year of agonizing failure, the gaseous-diffusion project had a workable barrier.

"I started to get some sleep after that," says Johnson, who received a special letter of thanks acknowledging his contribution. Signed by General Groves and dated 10 October 1945, the letter reads, in part: "The War Department ... and I personally appreciate the contribution which you have made to the development of the atomic bomb. The research and development work on barriers for the diffusion process for the separation of uranium ... was an essential factor in our success. Your skill and judgement in the field of



Clarence Johnson in the study of his Sebring, Florida home, in front of an oil painting of Albert Einstein done by Johnson's Minburn, Alberta high school teacher, Lewis Evans.

science are beyond praise."

Johnson remained active in the Manhattan Project throughout the war, and after the fighting ended — at a time when others were packing away their military dress — he donned a uniform for the first time. Commissioned a colonel in the U.S. Army, he joined several other scientists on a trip to Germany to find out how far the Germans had come in developing an atomic bomb. They were in for a surprise.

"Actually, the Germans had no intent of building a bomb," says Johnson. "They thought the bomb was so far-fetched that they weren't interested — which was a surprise."

The barrier he developed for the Manhattan project isn't Johnson's only invention. Among the nearly-two-dozen patents he holds (some still classified) are a number relating to work he did in the mid-1960s, when he did extensive work on projects attempting to convert the vast U.S. coal reserves to gasoline. "The idea was to make the United States independent of all foreign oils," says Johnson, who in the late-1960s was appointed by President Richard Nixon to a commission whose mandate was to ensure U.S. energy independence within a decade.

It was a "preposterous endeavor," he recalls. And he didn't shrink from saying so at the time — "I expressed my view pretty strongly," he says. A more realistic time-line, he suggests, would have been "30 or 40 years — if they put a major effort into it." In any event, discoveries of new oil reserves throughout the world turned a looming oil crisis into an oil glut, and the commission folded.

But the oil crisis is sure to return, and "the Alberta Tar Sands is going to one day be one of the major sources of the world's crude oil supply," says Johnson, who points out that he had a continuing interest in the upgrading of the heavy oil found in the Athabasca Oil Sands and the Lloydminster oil field. "As a matter of fact, Husky Oil, after I retired, took over my company," he says.

That company was Hydrocarbon Research Inc., where Johnson was the vice-president responsible for research and development. After his retirement from that position in 1978, he turned to consulting, and his clientele extended across North America and beyond — to South

America, Africa, New Zealand and Japan. Among his Canadian clients were the federal department of Energy, Mines and Resources and Petro-Canada.

In 1990, Johnson retired a second time, giving up his consulting work, and he and his wife Esther moved from New Jersey, where they had lived for 40 years, to Florida. Recently, he was a guest of the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C., where he took part in opening ceremonies for a display featuring a retrospective look at the Manhattan Project.

The display was yet another opportunity for Johnson to reflect on the decision to employ the most terrible weapon of war ever developed. While he admits to having had mixed feelings at the time of the bombing — "In some respects we hoped it might fizzle out like a firecracker that didn't go off," he told a reporter recently — he continues to support the decision to proceed with the bombing. He is convinced that, as terrible as the bombing was, it ultimately saved lives.

"A lot of American soldiers were scheduled to go to Japan: the next step after

Germany surrendered was to go over to fight Japan," he explains. Over the years, he adds, he has had many Americans thank him for possibly saving their lives.

But even more gratifying, he says, was an encounter with a former Japanese soldier in 1975. Johnson, who was in Tokyo to speak at an American Petroleum Congress meeting, describes it this way: "A Japanese engineer who listened to my talk came up to me, and he said 'Dr Johnson, I want to thank you because I think you probably saved my life by dropping the bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.' I said, 'Well, we killed a lot of people.' He said, 'Yes, but Japan was fully prepared to sacrifice millions of Japanese soldiers — not that they could win the war, but they could make things so discouraging for the Allies that they would negotiate a peace. That way Japan could save face.'"

Says Johnson: "I'd guess that maybe 50 Americans have come up and thanked me, but I was really impressed when that Japanese engineer came and shook my hand for possibly saving his life."

THE FALLEN

"Their Name Liveth for Evermore"

Students, alumni, faculty, and staff of the University killed in the Second World War.

As listed in The University of Alberta in the War of 1945, a history commissioned by the University's Board of Governors and written by Lewis G. Thomas, '34 BA, '35 MA.

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Arthur Campbell Archibald
Walter Gray Arnold
Charles Oren Baker
George Raymond Baker
Alex Addington Ballachey
Gilbert Thompson Blair
Richard Gustav Briese
John Bright
Wilfred Henry Brooks
Albert E. Brosseau
William Wood Lindsay Brown
Douglas John Alex Buchanan
William Gledstanes Bury
Richard Laurence Callaway
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John Sommerville Cardell
Earl John Christie
Fenner Hugh Clark
Bennett Winthrop Clarke
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Norman Edward Costigan
John Walter Dallamore
Harry Kenneth Davies
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Francis Irving Dewar
Frederick Sayre Lewis
John Edmund Diamond
Roderick Joseph Digney
Arlie Breton Douglas

Glenn Richard Dunn
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Norman Douglas Edmond
George Albert England
Robert Clive Felstead
Kenneth Gordon Fenske
John Frederick Filteau
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Vincent Bernard Fleming
Thomas Rex Forsyth
Robert Charles Foster
Robert Ross Gammon
Irving Walter Garfin
Joseph Leon Gibault
Robert Finlay Gibson
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John Anthony Heffernan
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William Clifford Hewson

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Leslie Duncan McAllister
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Thomas Wilson MacKenzie
John Goodsir Mackid
William Lidstone McKnight
William Mark McLaughlin
James Robert McLean
Donald Robert McNabb
Hugh Douglas MacPherson
Thomas John Magee
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Neil Douglas Medhurst
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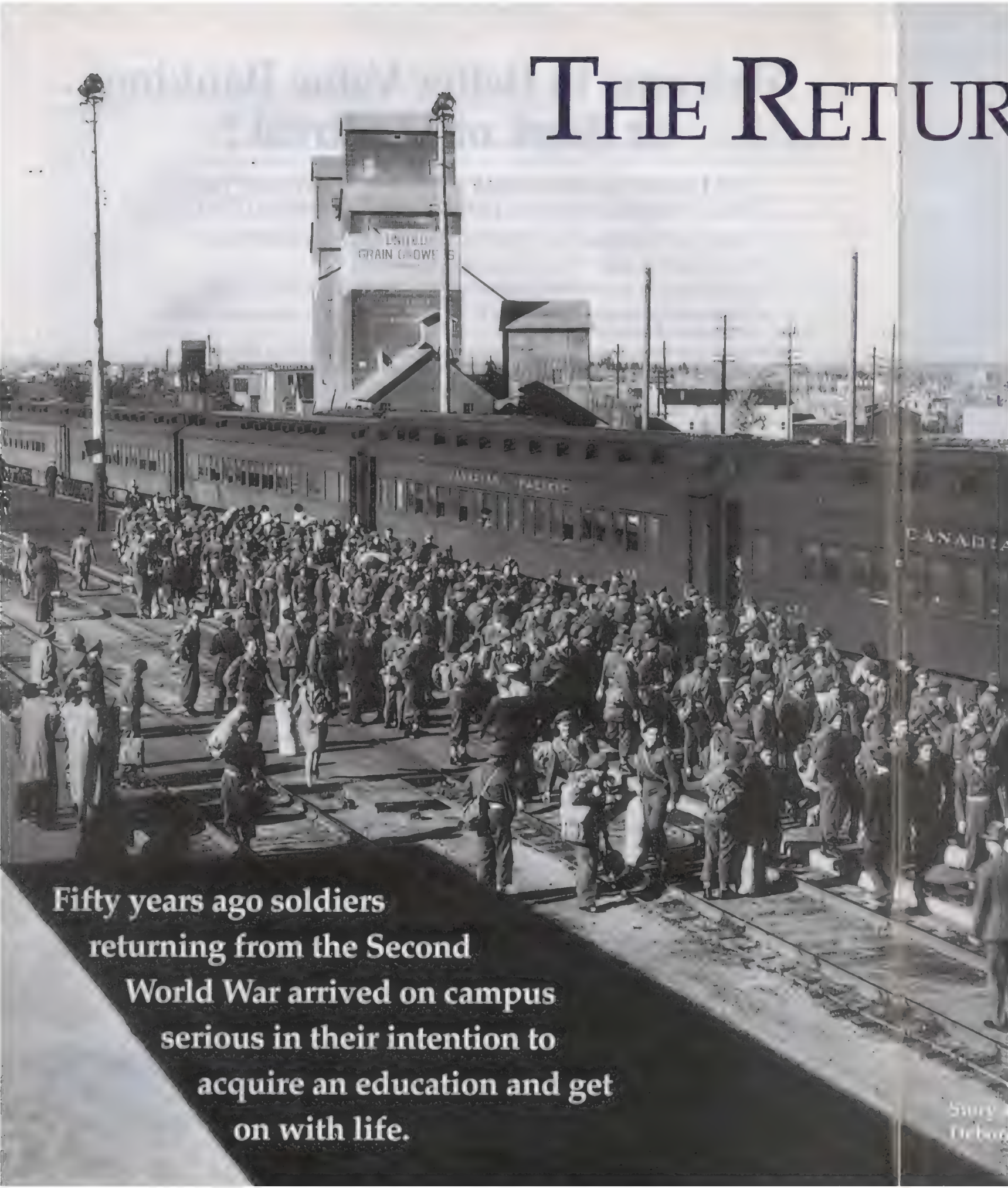
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RETURNED MEN

They were more fortunate than thousands of their friends and colleagues who did not return from the Second World War. They knew it, and they could never forget it. It colored their lives.

What follows is the story of the returned men and the impact they had on the University in the heady, booming years after the war. It is a story told in part through the words of people who were there: teachers, classmates, and some of the returned men themselves.

At the end of term in the spring of 1945, University of Alberta students took a break from their studies sure in the knowledge that the end to the war in Europe was imminent. They were confident that victory against Japan would follow.

But no one knew for sure when the Germans would capitulate — as it turned out, surrender came soon, on 8 May 1945. And no one could imagine the history-shattering events that would result in the Japanese surrender on 12 August of that summer.

Nor could anyone have imagined the changes that the end of the war would bring to the University.

Fifty years ago this fall, the U of A welcomed its biggest freshman class ever: more than 1,000, a staggering number compared with the fewer-than-300 who had signed up for classes only a year before. The influx of veterans marked a growth spurt that was both unprecedented and has remained unsurpassed in University history.

Before the War had even ended, the Canadian government had publicized plans for the "rehabilitation" of "returned men" — plans that included generous assistance for those who wished to begin or continue university studies. When Japan surrendered, the Canadian military authorities suddenly announced they would "demobilize forthwith" any soldier who could produce evidence that he would be granted entrance to a university. The very next day the University received a deluge of cablegrams and telegrams, each asking for a statement that the University was willing to admit the sender.

When the flood of returned men began, an estimated 150 civilians were turned away, asked to put off their University entrance for a year or two, to make room for

**Royal Canadian Engineers return from overseas,
4 October 1945.**

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Story and interviews by
Deborah J. Waldman

I can remember the day when the Invasion [the invasion of Normandy in June 1944] was. We were walking in Queen Elizabeth Park with a Naval commander from the British Fleet whose ship was in Philadelphia being refitted because it had been hit pretty hard, and he was out to look at some land that his father owned. It was a very beautiful night here. The moon was shining and we were walking in Queen Elizabeth Park, and he looked up and said, 'Oh I hope it's like this in Britain tonight,' and I said, 'Why?' and he said, 'Because it would be a nice night there, too.' And the next day it was all over the world, that the Invasion was on. He was hoping for good weather for a good landing. I think he knew that night. He knew for many days, maybe weeks, that that would be one of the days they'd go. — *George Ford*



George Ford, '42 BSc(Eng), '46 MSc, '88 LLD (Honorary), was working as a field engineer on the Alaska Highway in 1942 when the short-staffed Faculty of Engineering asked him to return to Edmonton to teach. Now a professor emeritus of mechanical engineering, Ford taught at the U of A until his retirement in 1985. During his time on campus, he served as the first chair of the Department of Mechanical Engineering and as dean of the Faculty of Engineering.

I remember what we did on VE day and VJ day. We went downtown and everybody gathered on the streets downtown and we just walked around in crowds and hooted and hollered and honked horns. We didn't do anything special; we just gathered as a community of people and rejoiced that it was over. — *Dorothy Ward Harris*

Dorothy Ward Harris, '46 BA, in the address she gave as historian of her graduating class, told her contemporaries, "Others have fought through war. We must fight through peace." An active member of the Women's Athletics Association as a student, she went on to earn a graduate degree at the University of Wisconsin before returning to teach at the U of A in 1965. A popular instructor in the former department of Physical Education and Sport Studies, she became a professor emeritus in 1990.



I would have to say those of us who were there before that were pretty much kids, having fun studying, not too aware of the war. When [the veterans] came back we had this sense of their seriousness and their maturity. They were interested in getting their education and getting on with their lives, whereas we had been having lots of fun as well as studying. I think in a way it helped us mature a little more at the end of our time there — it helped us be more realistic about going out to face the world on our own, having people with those experiences around us. — *Maurice Roe*



Maurice Roe, '49 BCom, had been a student at the U of A for less than three months when he turned 18 late in 1944 and quit his studies to join the service. He was discharged less than a year later when the age limit was raised to 19. After graduating from the Faculty of Business, he joined Coca Cola's fountain sales department, and eventually worked his way up to the positions of senior vice-president of Coca Cola International, and vice-president of the Coca Cola Company. Now living in Atlanta, Georgia, he retired three years ago.

I came right from high school. I was just 17 and a half when the war finished, so I was one of the kids in the class. To some degree there was a generation gap — an experience gap. After a couple of years on campus, I went into the law school and there were 32 in my class, and I think there were only about a half dozen of us who were not ex-servicemen. That was when I thought, we'll sort of pull together. Even though a lot of my classmates were a lot older than I, everybody got to know each other much better and the groups got very much closer together — so much so that in 1949 when I ran for president of the Students' Union most of my classmates who worked on my campaign were war veterans. — *Tevie Miller*



Tevie Miller, '49 BA, '50 LLB, '91 LLD (Honorary), the head of the cheer team while a student, returned to his alma mater as chancellor from 1986 to 1990. The former associate chief justice of the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench, his extensive community interests include the Edmonton Community Foundation, Alberta College, the Edmonton Symphony Society, and the United Way. He served on the organizing boards for the Commonwealth Games in 1978 and the World Student Games in 1983.



Return of Loyal Edmonton Regiment, 6 October 1945.

the vets. To provide even more spaces, the University added a complete session commencing in January 1946 and terminating in July — "Fortunately it was possible to dispense with this rather desperate expedient after one trial," says one contemporary report.

The returning soldiers had a tremendous impact on the University community, and not just because of their numbers. Their age and life experience set them apart from their civilian classmates. They were older, and some were married and had children. Unlike the beanie-wearing, joke-playing freshmen of earlier years, these students were at University for one reason: to get an education that would land them a job and a foot up in the world.

Many of the vets had been out of school for years, some because the war had interrupted their studies, others because they had gone straight from high school to work, and it was only after serving in the Canadian Forces that they decided that they would go on to higher education.

The U of A did its best to help the returned men get acclimated to the academic environment. An article in the 27 September 1945 issue of *The Gateway* reported that approximately 150 "rehabilitation students," as the returning men were sometimes called, were taking advantage of special refresher courses to "brush up on some of their high school subjects" including French, Latin, algebra, trigonometry, and analytical geometry.

Said the article, "One chap recently returned from the R.C.A.F., and now entering engineering, was heard to comment, 'this

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math course is just about the best thing I've run across.' Another, a fellow just released from the Navy and about to enter Pharmacy, stated, 'These language courses are tops, too.'"

Studying was only one aspect of academic life that the returned men had to get used to. They were accustomed to following orders for life-and-death situations. Now they were following orders — from professors and administrators — for what could seem, in comparison, fairly trivial matters. Sometimes the contrast got to them, and they wasted no time letting those in charge know just how they felt.

The arrival of the vets meant an adjustment for everyone — and the campus itself underwent a remarkable transformation. Like most North American universities, the U of A was physically unprepared for the flood of veterans. To say the campus was overcrowded was an understatement. "We were squashed," remembers **Frank Haley, '51 BSc, '53 MD, '57 MSc**, a vet who enrolled at the University in the fall of 1947.

No new buildings had gone up since before the war, yet the number of students had more than doubled. Only two rooms, both in the old Medical Building (now the Dentistry/Pharmacy Centre), were big enough to handle classes of more than 100. To accommodate the mushrooming student population, there were classes six days a week, beginning at 8:00 in the morning. The administration also scheduled classes in the old University High School building and the Normal School, which later became the Education Building and later yet Corbett Hall.

The age difference was dramatic and these servicemen were coming back with a lot more maturity and worldliness than had been on the campus before. It wasn't them-us I don't think. If you go back — you wore frosh hats and did dumb things — there were light frivolous things that you did. Some of those things didn't play particularly well with the veterans, some of whom had gotten married. They certainly wanted to go out and make money and get themselves established. — *Dorothy Ward Harris*

Our engineering class had 88 graduates in civil engineering in 1950. And there were only 16 of us in the class that weren't war veterans. In our engineering class it was very remarkable how everybody got along, the young guys and the veterans. We had a great time. There was really no distinction because of age. They were very serious. They figured that they'd lost that time out of their lives, and I'd say they'd be more serious students than a lot of us high school guys were. I guess we learned that there were other things that could have happened to us younger guys that didn't. I think we learned to appreciate the fact that we had the opportunity without having to risk our lives to get it. — *James Hole*

James Hole, '50 BSc(Eng), was one of a small number of students admitted to the Faculty of Engineering straight out of high school in the fall of 1947. He is the past president of the Edmonton contracting firm Lockerbie & Hole, of which he is one of the founders. A former chair of the Universiade Foundation's board of governors, he has been instrumental in the Friends of the Golden Bears fundraising campaign that saved the University's football team.



I was 29 when I was a freshman. There were people who were older than I was but we had a few real bright high school students there. They had to be to get in at that time, with so many veterans. I remember one of the professors, Dr Sandin, a well known chemistry professor there, told the high school students something to the effect that the veterans knew what they were there for, they knew about world conditions, they were not naive and green around the ears. They were there to work.

He always sort of admired the veterans because they were all pretty mature in their experiences. — *Varge Gilchrist*



Varge Gilchrist, '49 BSc(Ag), '52 MA, was discharged from the RCAF in August 1945 and enrolled at the U of A one month later. He was 29 years old and hadn't been in a classroom in 13 years, but he obtained bachelor's and master's degrees from the U of A and a PhD in agricultural economics from Oregon State University. Now retired in Ottawa, he worked for Agriculture Canada until 1979.

I can't imagine starting out as a new faculty member being more fortunate than to have a class full of vets. These veterans had lost years and wanted to make them up. They called me P-38. A P-38 was a twin-boom airplane in wartime that went very fast for that time. I poured the material to them fast and furious, and the veterans took it. The others who were not veterans had to keep up. — *Walter Harris*

Walter Harris, '38 BSc, '39 MSc, '91 LLD (Honorary), spent the war years earning his doctorate at the University of Minnesota, where he worked on what was then an "obscure element" — uranium — and later on developing synthetic rubber. He joined the U of A faculty in 1946, and during his years in Chemistry chaired the department. Upon his imminent retirement in 1980, he was asked to chair the President's Advisory Committee on Campus Reviews, which he headed until 1990. He is an expert on the handling and disposal of hazardous waste.



I got a Grade 12 chemistry textbook the year before and in my spare time in the Air Force, I boned up on chemistry, but the rest of it, algebra and trigonometry, I had to do as I went along. I found there was a lot of memory work and a lot of reading. I was an A student, graduated with honors in my final year, but that was more from hard work than genius. — *Varge Gilchrist*

In the civilian classes you always run into one or two students who are exceptionally brilliant or good. In the returned veterans you didn't find that but you found a tremendously high percentage of them up in the good class. They would be getting excellent marks and working like Trojans. Their work habits were tremendous. — *George Ford*

The first essay in one of these classes [of veterans] came in. I glanced through it and brought it back the next day. Before I turned it back, I gave them each a sheet of foolscap and asked them to put their name on top. I said 'Now look at your neighbor, see if he hasn't been too stupid, and if he has, put his name on for him.' (There were always one or two who forgot.) I said, 'Before I turn back your essays, I want you to do a very short résumé of what your essay was about.' And there were six of them who hadn't had the decency to read the essays their wives wrote for them. The other guys had a good laugh at their expense. — *Aylmer Ryan*

Aylmer Ryan, '39 BA, '40 MA, was completing graduate work at the University of California at Berkeley when the war interrupted his studies. After serving overseas, he returned to the U of A in 1946 to teach in the English Department, helping to handle the crush of returned veterans to the student body. Ryan became the warden at Assiniboia Hall and later the University's provost, in charge of student affairs and discipline. He later returned to military service to complete two tours of duty in the Korean War.



It was difficult going to class because you were used to a life of movement and doing things. You came back to a structured society where you had to sit down and study. — *Kenneth Crockett*



Kenneth Crockett, '46 BA, '47 LLB, began his University education in 1938, but interrupted his studies to join the Air Force. When he came back to study law in the fall term of 1944, no first-year classes were being offered, so he took his second year first, and his first year second. During his career, Crockett was chief crown prosecutor at the Alberta attorney general's office for five years, and received the honorary appointment Queen's Counsel. He also practised with a private law firm in Edmonton, where he is now retired.

One professor was a known communist. One time, in one of my classes, he started to talk about the evils of the West and guns versus butter, and some of the veterans simply closed their notebooks, stood up and walked out of the classroom. He shouted after them, 'You can't leave my class! Give me your names! I'll report you!' To those of us who were 18 years old and had never seen this flouting of authority, that was really something. My wife remembers someone from British Intelligence, a future Rhodes Scholar, came to class one morning. The teacher started to ask various students if they had done their assignments. Some of them had not. She was very irritable about this. She turned to this one fellow and said, 'Did you do your assignment?' He said 'No, and I don't intend to.' She asked why, and he said, 'I think it's a waste of my time.' She was astonished. She said, 'I see,' and she didn't ask anyone else if they had done it, and that was the end of it. — *Richard Sherbaniuk*



Richard Sherbaniuk, '48 BSc, '52 MD, '56 MSc, was an editor and columnist for The Gateway while completing medical school. After doing post-graduate work at the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan, for two years, he returned to Edmonton as the first gastroenterologist in Alberta and taught in the U of A Faculty of Medicine. He lives in Edmonton with his wife, Dodie.

They were grown up. They had been off fighting battles and doing whatever they damned well felt like and many had been officers in very high command. I am thinking of a couple who came back highly decorated and they'd spent the last few years dive-bombing over Stuttgart and whatever, and they weren't having some creepy old professor telling them what they could do and what they couldn't do. Nothing liberated the campus like the veterans coming back. — *Dodie Sherbaniuk*

Georgina "Dodie" Sherbaniuk (Yule), '48 BA, began studying at the U of A one year before the war ended, when first-year girls were expected to march drills across campus — an exercise she found "fairly worthless." She earned a degree in honors languages and worked for several years before marrying Richard Sherbaniuk. They live in Edmonton, and have five children.



We didn't really complain about the facilities. Geology was kind of nice because it was at 8 in the morning and they would show slides first thing in the morning and after you'd taken the streetcar over you could catch some sleep. When Bob Folinsbee would turn the lights on I think 50 per cent of the class would be asleep. — *James Hole*

By the fall of 1946, the University began tackling the classroom shortages with longer-term measures. The most prominent and ubiquitous solution: Quonset huts. These round-roofed buildings of a style first used at the naval base at Quonset, Rhode Island could hold up to 160 students. Some of the huts were used for classrooms, others for labs. "They do not add to the beauty of the campus by any stretch of the imagination," reported *The Gateway*, "but they are a necessity in today's emergency."

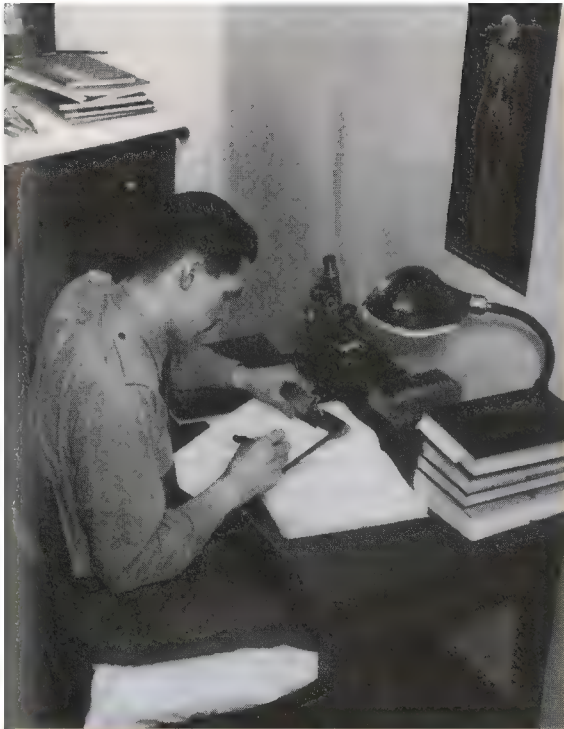
Finding housing proved to be an even bigger problem. There weren't enough rooms on campus to accommodate all the vets, even when bunk beds were installed in dormitories. And there surely wasn't room for the wives and children of the returned men.

In the fall of 1945, 64 married vets were "temporarily" put up in the Varsity Rink. They slept on bunk beds in "dressing rooms," expecting to be reunited with their families by November. That's when the City of Edmonton was expected to have converted enough prefabricated huts from Dawson Creek into suites for the vets. But the project hit a snag early in October when the supply of building materials dried up. According to *The Gateway*, the provincial government did "everything within its power to speed up construction of the servicemen's homes," but it wasn't enough.

The situation nearly got out of hand at the end of October, when the University announced that it was evicting the hockey rink residents to ready the facility for winter sports. The vets were urged to try and find accommodations off campus.

That's when the Canadian University Returned Men's Association sprang into action. CURMA was a lobbying group formed at the suggestion of three University faculty members: COTC officer and entomology professor Col. E.H. Strickland, University librarian and advisor to student veterans Donald Cameron, and applied science dean R.S.L. Wilson. It did everything from sponsoring dances for the vets to lending them money. But its principal headache was what the 1946 *Evergreen and Gold* yearbook referred to as "the desperate housing shortage."

CURMA established a committee to field phone calls and go door-to-door to find rooms in the Garneau area, and appealed to everyone at the University to help. But as *The Gateway* reported, finding the necessary accommodations wasn't easy. Hardest of all to place were vets with children, who "strangely enough, are viewed by prospective landlords as a form of bubonic plague." When only a handful of the vets were able to find



Courtesy of Frank Haley

Frank Haley studies in his dormitory room in Athabasca Hall, circa 1949.

off-campus housing, the University decided to allow the rest to remain in the hockey rink.

Once the vets and their families were reunited, there were more unexpected challenges. Wives who had assumed that their husbands would return and be strictly family men couldn't help but be disappointed when those husbands began showering more attention on schoolbooks than on their families. And while there were activities for wives, it wasn't always easy for them to take advantage of the social events, what with limited budgets, children to care for, and the difficulty of getting to campus.

The wives formed social communities of their own, recalls former CURMA president **Kenneth Crockett**, '46 BA, '47 LLB. They would play bridge and help each other out with babysitting. Single returned men also helped by forming a babysitting service. And when stresses began to near the breaking point, the vets and their families could take advantage of a counselling service offered through CURMA.

As serious as they were about education, the vets did take time out for fun. One of the more unusual social events was the "Baby Challenge" held in 1947-48 — a kind of national baby beauty pageant for the children of veterans. "It must be remembered," reported the 1948 *Evergreen and Gold*, "that an Alberta baby was the winner in the national contest, regardless of UBC's claims."

There was plenty of grown-up socializing as well — dances, socials, teas, and various gatherings. The "Froph Ball" — the annual freshman-sophomore dance — went on every year, as did "Waw-Waw Weekend," the U of A's "Sadie Hawkins" event, when

We had to have classes in scattered places all over campus. The pressure on classroom space was so great that the interval between classes was extended from 10 to 15 minutes so students could go from one faraway building to another. The campus was covered with huts, all over the place, and our students had to go in some of them. They were adequate. They weren't built for luxury. — *Wilbur Bowker*

Wilbur Bowker, '30 BA, '32 LLB, '72 LLD (Honorary), was a lawyer-turned-soldier when he was pressed into active duty at the U of A law school in 1945. It was supposed to be a one-year posting but Bowker remained, becoming dean of the Faculty of Law faculty for 20 years and director of the Law Reform Institute for several years. In 1989 he received the President's Award, the highest honor of the Canadian Bar Association, and he became an Officer in the Order of Canada in 1990. He is Professor Emeritus in the Faculty of Law and lives in Edmonton.



We had no room. My first lecture was to 232 engineering students in Med 158. Labs were a bigger problem. The first labs were from 8:00 to 11:00, the next from 12:00 to 3:00, the next from 3:00 to 6:00, and the next from 7:00 to 10:00. I shared another office with a staff member and students wanted to come and talk to you and there was no room. With 500 students you should have a lot of student-teacher interaction. When I walked into an analytical lab after doing a 12:00 to 1:00 lecture and the lab had over 100 students in it, immediately a line of students formed. We had what were called demonstrators, third- and fourth-year students. But the students in the lab, if I was there, would go past the demonstrators. A line would form. That would go on until 6 o'clock. In the first year I had 500 students in classes and labs. No teaching assistants. You did the marking. In my first year, I knew the names of all of my 500 students. In the second year, I had about 500 students but sometimes I'd be confused. In the third year, I had another 500 students, roughly speaking. Then I'd see another student and I would not be sure if it was a student from this year or from the year before. I had 5,000 students in my first 10 years. — *Walter Harris*

The university was exploding in size. I had 246 [students] altogether in three classes. I had all their essays and exams to mark. Classes started at 8 a.m. Monday morning and they ended noon on Saturday. The classes were full. There's no doubt about that. But in the army huts, things were rather looser than they would be in the classrooms, which were pretty well packed with the long standing benches and chairs and so on. But in the huts they could spread out more. Mostly they just sat on chairs and benches. — *Aylmer Ryan*

CURMA was active. It was a pressure group to get housing for returning veterans, particularly the ones who were married. We ran a housing bureau — it was a question of people indicating their need and getting listed and then matching things up. That involved a good map of Edmonton and getting people organized. People were very much in the spirit. — *Willard Pybus*



Willard Pybus, '47 BEd, '49 MA, was a 24-year-old Air Force vet and former teacher when he entered the U of A in the fall of 1945. As the 1946-47 president of the Students' Union, his primary responsibility was constructing the first Students' Union Building. He later worked in the Canadian Foreign Service, and is now retired in Victoria.

Everybody lived in boarding houses. It was considered almost a civic duty for families in Garneau to take University students. I lived in three different ones. Some of them were wonderful, some of them were just god-awful, and most of them gave breakfast but not lunch and dinner. My freshman year I was living with four other girls from Calgary in a big house on 85th Avenue. The reason we got in is we used to be neighbors of this lady and my mother phoned and asked if she could take us. [The landlady] was very chintzy and used to measure out the cocoa and whatnot the night before so we wouldn't take too much. When we heard, as it turned out, falsely, that the residences would be opened after Christmas we all went and signed up. She found out and gave us all the boot. We had to find someplace else. I got very lucky and found a really, really nice place with a dear old lady whose family just wanted to have somebody living there with her. — *Dodie Sherbaniuk*

In 1946 a friend of mine at the University of Minnesota whose mother lived in Edmonton said his mother was coming to Minnesota for a vacation for six weeks. He arranged for us to stay in her house in Forest Heights. After that I couldn't find anything, so I took my wife and kid to my parents' home in Wetaskiwin. I'd go back there Saturday afternoon and come back here Sunday night. Another time a judge from the Northwest Territories was going to get married, so we rented his house in Garneau. I think my wife told me we moved 12 times that first year. When I had accepted the job here, I was told they'd be building housing for new staff. I came here and they hadn't even broken ground. By spring they had built what was called Rabbit Row [so named because it was for faculty members with children — and those being the early years of the Baby Boom, there were plenty of children] but then they partly reneged. Instead of saying you have one of the units, they told me, 'you'll be on a list and we'll choose.' I was chosen, but I felt a little resentful about that. — *Walter Harris*

Sometimes we thought the wives should get the degree rather than the man. They were holding the home front and it wasn't easy. They were staying in barracks almost. — *George Ford*

It was the matter of getting to know their wives and making it a joint commitment to go to have him complete university. It was a bit of a comedown for the wives because they were looking forward to his coming back and getting a job and having support. It took a lot of dedication on the part of the wives to see their husbands through. There were a goodly number of wives that worked. And a goodly number of marriages that broke up. That's why we had the counselling. — *Kenneth Crockett*

We were very pleased to get out of the army and get back into real life. We were all very enthused, really looking forward to Canada being in a growth phase... I was born on a farm and to me [Edmonton] was the big city, and it was really living. I was really grateful for the chance to get off the farm. I had no enthusiasm to be a chambermaid to a cow. — *Frank Haley*



Frank Haley, '51 BSc, '53 MD, '57 MSc, '95 BA, was a photographer for The Gateway while completing medical school after the war. In 1964 he received one of two fellowships in anesthesia granted by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and practised at the University Hospitals until his retirement in 1990. A former president of the U of A Medical Alumni Association and of the Defence Medical Association of Canada, he was active in the Canadian Forces Reserve and spent six months on a peace-keeping mission to Egypt in 1974-75.

When I went there first it was like a girls' school. There were a whole lot more women than there were men. It rapidly changed and the girls loved it because it went the other way. — *Maurice Roe*

Going from my first year when we were just little high school girls with just these young boys who were either too young to get into the service or didn't make it for health reasons, to have the campus suddenly transformed into something different — there were so many men. Hot dog! And it just put a different light to the whole campus as I remember it. I don't think I'm looking at it through rose-colored glasses. It changed the whole atmosphere. — *Dodie Sherbaniuk*

It was the era of the big band; I danced to Tommy Dorsey. Several of the big bands came through Edmonton because of all the military. They played over at the Armoury. We had most of our University functions at the Macdonald Hotel and they were all formal, and we had our very first American-style nightclub which was the Club Roosevelt on Jasper Avenue just east of Mike's Newsstand. All of our dances prior to that time were held in large rooms, big gyms or ballrooms. The American-style one had a dance floor that was about 10 feet by 10 feet and the rest was tables. The only way you could have liquor was to bring it in and hide it in a cubbyhole under the table. — *Dorothy Ward Harris*

We came over a couple of years but we left after two years, three years, or a five- or six-year course. We did sort of spread out, kind of drift away. There wasn't a sharper end point like there was a beginning. It's only when you look back that you realize what a significant time it was, when you talk to your grandchildren ... But for me, it was probably the best time of my life. — *Frank Haley*

"freshettes" and other "co-eds" got to ask out the men on campus. There were concerts, plays, and guest speakers, several of whom predicted another world war. One of the more popular programs was a series of lectures on sex, morals, and marriage offered by Dean Trendall of All Saints' Anglican Cathedral. Topics included "I Find a Partner" and "How to Live Happily Ever After."

It's too much to expect that all those who attended the lectures did, in fact, live happily ever after. But there is no doubt that many of those attending the U of A in the immedi-

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Dance at the Trocadero, 8 October 1947.

ate post-war years went on to lives filled with significant accomplishments. They became community, provincial, and national leaders, diplomats, businessmen, university professors, Supreme Court judges, doctors, lawyers, writers. They helped to shape their communities — in Edmonton, in Alberta, in Canada, and beyond — just as their presence helped transform the University of Alberta into the institution that it is today.

By the mid-1950s all but a very few of the veterans had passed through the University. They left in boom years: Alberta's economy, fueled by the black gold discovered at Leduc in 1947 and the optimism of the times, was booming; the post-War baby boom was in full swing; and the University itself was riding the tide of the times — by 1955-56 its budget, less than \$1.5 million ten years earlier, had swelled to almost \$5 million and was still climbing.

It was against this backdrop that the veterans left campus, eager to make up for lost time. Their leaving — unlike their arrival — went largely unnoticed. No monument marks their passing. Even the Quonset huts that were the longest-lasting reminder of their presence have disappeared from the now-crowded campus. The returned men came and went: their deeds are their legacy; the changes they wrought, their monument.

Alumni Association Activities

► Incoming Alumni Association president **Lloyd Malin**, '65 BA, '70 LLB (right) thanks outgoing president **Jim Beckett**, '73 BSc(Eng), at the Association's Annual General Meeting, held at Alumni House on 11 May.



Malin Elected Alumni Association President

The new president of the Alumni Association for 1995-96 is Edmonton lawyer **Lloyd Malin**, '65 BA, '70 LLB. The Association's vice-president (finance) for 1994-95, he previously served as a Faculty of Law representative on Alumni Council.

Malin practises with the Edmonton and Calgary law firm Milner Fenerty and is the chair of the firm's Institutions and Private Corporations Practice Group. His area of practice includes general corporate and business organization law. A member of both the Canadian and Edmonton bar associations, he has been granted the honorary title Queen's Counsel.

In addition to his legal activities, Lloyd has been a member of the boards of the Royal Alexandra Hospital, the Edmonton Art Gallery, and the Edmonton Symphony Society. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Edmonton Regional Airports Authority and chair of its audit committee. Lloyd is a member of the Senate and also of the Government and Community Relations Committee of the Board of Governors of the University of Alberta.

Malin takes over from **Jim Beckett**, '73 BSc(Eng), vice-president of transmission for Alberta Power. Beckett will remain on Alumni Council as the past-president.



▲ Incoming Grande Prairie branch president **Dorothy Eiserman**, '93 PhD, welcomes U of A zoology professor **Larry Wang**, inventor of the Canadian Cold Buster Bar and the guest speaker at the branch's Annual Dinner on 10 March 1995. Next year's event, scheduled for 15 March 1996, will feature Rod Fraser, president and vice-chancellor of the University, as the speaker. President Fraser will be accompanied by his wife, **Judith Fraser (Lewis)**, '63 BA, who is originally from Grande Prairie.



▲ **Marilyn Erickson**, '78 BSc(HEC), chats with two fellow Canadians living in the New York City area at the first Canadian Universities Alumni Reception, which was held in that city on 13 October 1994. More than 500 alumni of Canadian universities from the Atlantic to the Pacific coasts attended the reception, which was organized by the Canadian Club of New York. The event was advertised as the "first annual" and planning is now underway for next year's function.



▲ **Shirley Hovan**, '72 MD (centre), speaks with some fellow graduates at a reception held in Red Deer on 27 April. Forty Red Deer and area alumni gathered at the Capri Centre for the first U of A alumni gathering held in that central Alberta city in almost 10 years. President and vice-chancellor **Rod Fraser**, the speaker for the event, talked about his vision for the University of Alberta as we rapidly approach the 21st century.



▲ The Colwood Golf and Country Club was the picturesque setting for the Annual Luncheon held by the Victoria branch on 6 May 1995. Seated are (left to right) outgoing branch president **Don Sampson**, '53 BSc(Eng); past president **Barbara Basset**, '50 BA; U of A president **Rod Fraser**, '61 BA, '63 MA; and secretary **Maryl McCay**, '67 BSc(HEC). Standing are (left to right) vice-president **Ted Sawchuk**, '47 BEd, '60 MEd; member-at-large **Billie Niblock**, '54 BPE; incoming president **Paul Scambler**, '77 LLB; member-at-large **Charlie Cameron**, '37 Dip(Pharm); and treasurer **Bill Bailey**, '55 BSc(Eng).



Quartette: (left to right) Hanford, Peterson, Church, and Tyson.

Quartette Kicks Off Reunion Weekend '95

Call them the Dream Team of Canadian roots music. They have written hundreds of songs, produced dozens of albums, and performed countless live shows. Their musical influences draw from many sources: country, folk, R and B, soul, and gospel music.

Just as their distinctive, individual voices combine in glorious harmony, these four talents have joined together to form the acclaimed group Quartette, which will perform at Reunion Weekend '95.

Colleen Peterson originally formed the group for one performance in the summer of 1993. If the members of Quartette had any intention of leaving their collaboration at that, fans wouldn't allow it. Subsequent radio and television appearances left fans clamoring for more from the formerly unknown group.

Their first album, *Quartette*, was released last year to critical acclaim and healthy sales. *Maclean's* raved that the four voices "blend together like intricate embroidery." Most of Quartette's material is written by the band members, who are all accomplished songwriters and musicians.

Sylvia Tyson is no stranger to the Horowitz theatre — she performed at the former SUB Theatre in 1967 as part of the duo Ian and Sylvia, with her then-husband and musical partner Ian Tyson. After that partnership dissolved, she pursued a successful solo

career. In 1992, she was inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame.

Cindy Church shares a Tyson connection. She's been a member of Ian Tyson's band — she was with him when he opened Reunion Weekend '93 at the Horowitz Theatre — and has recorded and performed with him over the past 10 years. Church was the 1993 female vocalist of the year at the Alberta Country Music Awards.

Country music fans may not recognize the name Caitlin Hanford, but they have likely heard some of her songs, many of which have been published in Nashville. By day she teaches music to students at a Toronto elementary school, and in her spare time performs with the Adobe Brothers band.

Two-time Juno award winner Colleen Peterson has worked with a stellar group of musicians — Gordon Lightfoot, Ry Cooder, Tom Waits, and Waylon Jennings among them — during her diverse 20-year performing career.

This music supergroup takes to the stage of the Horowitz Theatre on 29 September, kicking off Reunion Weekend '95 festivities. Tickets, which are first offered exclusively to alumni, are \$30 and include a post-concert reception.

For further information or to book a block of seats for your class, please call the Office of Alumni Affairs at 492-3224 Edmonton, or 1-800-661-2593 toll-free in Canada.

New Features Added to University of Alberta Bank of Montreal MasterCard

More than 9,000 students, staff, and alumni currently hold University of Alberta MasterCard cards, resulting in an annual return to the Alumni Association of more than \$55,000.

Susan Peirce, Director of Alumni Affairs, reports that the revenue from the MasterCard "has enabled the Association to initiate new programs and services for alumni that might not otherwise have been possible."

Now the U of A MasterCard is even better, with three new features: a First Home program, which allows cardholders to earn up to \$500 a year — \$2,500 in total — toward a Bank of Montreal mortgage; Air Miles, which can be accumulated at a rate of one mile for every \$20 in purchases at more than 75 sponsoring businesses; and the Better Value Banking benefits program, which offers cardholders discounts and bonuses on mortgages, loans, RRSPs, and other banking.

Common Questions and Answers:

Q Why did First Home program dollars appear on my last monthly statement? I already have a home mortgage.

A MasterCard recently gave cardholders the option of choosing either Air Miles or the First Home program. Cardholders who did not choose the Air Miles program (which has a \$35 annual fee, but no transaction fees) were automatically given the First Home program (which has no annual or transaction fees). Even if you don't need a home mortgage, the First Home program allows you to transfer First Home dollars to family members obtaining a Bank of Montreal first home mortgage. Alumni applying for a U of A MasterCard for the first time can choose either the Air Miles or First Home program on the application.

Q If I already have a University of Alberta Bank of Montreal MasterCard, can I still apply for Air Miles?

A Cardholders can transfer from a regular U of A MasterCard to an Air Miles card by calling 1-800-263-2263, and asking to have the Air Miles feature added to their U of A card. Alumni who wish to apply for an Air Miles MasterCard for the first time are asked to contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at 492-3224 in Edmonton, or 1-800-661-2593 elsewhere in Canada.

Q What are the benefits that are included in the Better Value Banking Program?

A The Better Value Banking program is an added feature available to all U of A MasterCard cardholders at no cost. Among the benefits available from your local Bank of Montreal branch are: up to 1/2% per annum off your next Bank of Montreal Homeowner Mortgage; up to 1% per annum off your next Bank of Montreal fixed or variable personal loan rate; an unsecured personal line of credit of \$5,000 or more; up to a \$100 bonus for RRSP contributions or transfers from another financial institution to a Bank of Montreal Mortgage Corporation Retirement Investment Certificate; and three months free on a First Bank Plan[®] or Gold FirstBank Plan[™]. To obtain more information on Better Value Banking, call 441-3734 in Edmonton or 1-800-555-3000 elsewhere in Canada.

Q With the new features, does the U of A still benefit from my MasterCard?

A Yes, the U of A benefits every time you use your card. The Bank of Montreal and the Alumni Association share a percentage of every transaction. These new features have been added by the Association to thank alumni for their participation in the program, and to attract new cardholders.

1995 Class Reunions

The Alumni Association is happy to assist individual classes in organizing reunions during Reunion Weekend 1995, which will be held **September 29, 30, and October 1**, or at other times. The following classes are currently planning reunions:

Class/Place/Date/Contact:

- '25 Grad Class Edmonton/RW'95/Alumni Office
- '35 Grad Class Edmonton/RW'95/Lois McCalla
- '35 Medicine Calgary/7 September/Reuben Jespersen
- '45 Grad Class Edmonton/RW'95/Alumni Office
- '45 Agriculture Edmonton/RW'95/Stu Robblee
- '45 Arts Edmonton/RW'95/Gwyneth Peel
- '45 Commerce Edmonton/RW'95/Dorothy Bussard
- '45 Dentistry Edmonton/RW'95/Harold Samuels
- '45 Engineering Edmonton/RW'95/Jack Longworth
- '45 Home Economics Edmonton/RW'95/Muriel Shortread
- '45 & '46 Medicine Calgary/7 September/E. G. Kidd, L. Grisdale
- '45 Mining Engineering Edmonton/RW'95/Clarence Anderson
- '45 Dip. Nursing Edmonton/RW'95/Arlene Hanna
- '45 Science Edmonton/RW'95/TBA
- '50 Agriculture Edmonton/RW'95/Alf Petersen
- '50 Civil Engineering Edmonton/RW'95/George Stefaniuk
- '50 Home Economics Edmonton/RW'95/Bernice Olson
- '55 Grad Class Edmonton/RW'95/Alumni Office
- '55 Agriculture Edmonton/RW'95/Jacob Ens
- '55 Civil Engineering Edmonton/RW'95/Keith Bowers
- '55 Commerce Edmonton/RW'95/Denis Horne
- '55 Dentistry Edmonton & Fairmont/RW'95 & 8-10 Sept/S. Kucey, R. Perry
- '55 Elect. Engineering Edmonton/RW'95/Ron McDonald, Glen Mead
- '55 Home Economics Edmonton/RW'95/Arlene McKay, Nola Deane
- '55 Medicine Calgary/7 September/John Hantho
- '55 Pharmacy Edmonton/RW'95/Bob Edgar
- '55 Physical Education Edmonton/RW'95/Gladys Saunders
- '55 Science Edmonton/RW'95/Mary Wilke
- '55 Students' Council Edmonton/RW'95/Bob Edgar
- '60 Nursing (Sept. Dip.) Silver Star, B.C./8-10 September/D. Holmes, A. Smith
- '60 Physical Education Edmonton/RW'95 & 29,30 July/Ed Hancheruck
- '70 Grad Class Edmonton/RW'95/Alumni Office
- '70 Agriculture Jumpin' Pound, Alberta/24-27 August/Delbert Zelter
- '70 Arts Edmonton/RW'95/Wes Berg
- '70 Chem. Engineering Edmonton/RW'95/Roger Stuber
- '70 Commerce Edmonton/RW'95/Carole Noland & Ronald Holland
- '70 Education (Elem.) Edmonton/RW'95/Donna Smith
- '70 Education (Voc.) Edmonton/RW'95/Michael Andrews
- '70 Home Economics Edmonton/RW'95/Marlene Paris & Doreen Al-Adra
- '70 Law Edmonton/RW'95/Lloyd Malin
- '70 Library Science Edmonton/RW'95/LISAA & Alumni Office
- '70 Mech. Engineering Edmonton/RW'95/Daryl Martin
- '70 Medicine Calgary & Kananaskis/7-9 September/John Gillespie
- '70 Pharmacy Edmonton/RW'95/Jennifer Peddesden
- '70 Physical Therapy Edmonton/RW'95/Janet Rogers, Cathy Pratt
- '70 Occup. Therapy Edmonton/RW'95/Carol Montgomery
- '75 Medicine Banff (Rimrock)/4-6 August/Kirk Barber
- '80 Medicine Kananaskis/30 June-2 July/Brian Guspie
- '80 Physical Therapy Edmonton/RW'95/Brenda Gibbs
- '85 Physical Therapy Edmonton/RW'95/Colette Lehodey
- '85 Medicine Kananaskis/18-20 August/Patricia Buckle

Other Reunions

- '35-'95 Delta Upsilon Fraternity Edmonton/RW'95/Hilliard MacBeth
- '65-'95 SORSE Edmonton/RW'95/LeVonn Holland

Should you require information about the reunions noted, or if you wish to organize a reunion for a class or group not listed, please contact Coleen Graham in the Office of Alumni Affairs at (403) 492-3224.

Call for Nominations

The **Business Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus Award** honors an alumnus of the Faculty of Business who has contributed significantly to both business and community. This award will be presented at the Business Alumni Association Annual Dinner, which is to be held on 28 September 1995.

Nominators are asked to provide as much detail as possible about the nominee's professional and community activities. Terms of reference for the award and a copy of a formal nomination form can be obtained from Susan Robertson, by telephone at (403) 492-2348, or by fax at (403) 492-2510. Forward nominations to: Business Alumni Association, c/o Faculty of Business, 4-40B Business Building, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta T6G 4R6. Deadline is **31 July 1995**.

Association Calendar

Branches

Toronto

23 August/17 September 1995 Horse Races at Woodbine
Approximately \$35 per person (includes buffet supper and parking)

22 October 1995 Annual Meeting and Lunch
Royal Ontario Museum / 11:30 am
Speaker: John Ferguson, '64 BCom, Chair U of A, Board of Governors
\$26 per person (\$32 with tour of Museum)

10 November 1995 The Royal Winter Fair / Reception
\$35 per person (includes cocktail reception, entry into the horse show and agricultural display)

New York

19 October 1995 All Canadian Universities Alumni Reception
The Canadian Club of New York (15 West 43rd Street, Manhattan)
6:00 to 9:00 pm / \$15 per person

18 November 1995 Second Annual Terry Fox Run
Riverside Park / 10:00 am
Alumni from all Canadian universities are encouraged to participate. The Fox family and several prominent Canadian movie and television stars will be present to lend their support.

Call either Grant Gadzig or Michael Pope at the Canadian Club of New York at (212) 596-1320 for further information on any of the New York City events.

Other

Business Alumni Association

12 July 1995 Annual General Meeting
Stollery Centre, Faculty of Business / 5:00 pm

28 September 1995 Annual Dinner
Speaker: C. Joseph Clark, '60 BA, '73 MA, '85 LLD (Honorary)
Hotel Macdonald (Empire Ballroom), Edmonton / 5:00 pm
Please call Ted Byrt, '83 BCom at (403) 433-7200 for further information.

Medical Alumni Association

7 September Annual Awards Dinner
Westin Hotel Calgary / 6:00 pm Reception, 7:00 pm Dinner

8 September Annual General Meeting
Westin Hotel Calgary / 8:00 am

Nursing Alumni Association

19 September Annual General Meeting
343 Athabasca Hall, U of A / 7:00 pm

For further information about Alumni Association branch events or Constituent Alumni Associations, please contact Elke Christianson in the Office of Alumni Affairs. In Edmonton phone 492-0117; toll free in Canada 1-800-661-2593.

Grad Studies Best Women's Employers

Job hunters can choose from a dizzying selection of publications promising to improve their employment prospects. Books such as *The Ultimate Job Seekers Handbook* and *The Only Job-Hunting Guide You'll Ever Need* profess to help almost anyone locate their ideal job and employer. Until last year, however, the niche for an employment handbook aimed specifically at Canadian women remained unfilled.

Now Tema Frank, '82 BCom, has filled that void. Her book *Canada's Best Employers for Women: A Guide for Job Hunters, Employees and Employers* is in its second print run and has already appeared on national and career-book bestseller lists.

"It's one of those ideas that, in retrospect, seems so obvious," says Frank. While in Europe with her husband on a sabbatical in the early '90s, she encountered a woman who had written a similar guide for a British audience. "I was sure that by the time we got back to Canada someone else would have thought of it and done it already." No one had, so Frank embarked on the project in fall 1992.

Ironically, this expert on the best employers for women is self-employed, working as a consultant and freelance writer. For the past five years she has been president of the Toronto consulting firm Frank Communications.

That business grew out of her extensive experience promoting the interests of both private and public sector groups. Frank served as the Students' Union vice-president (external), while at the U of A (1979-80), and parlayed her political savvy into a job as a parliamentary intern after graduation.

In 1987 she obtained an MBA from the University of Toronto, specializing in marketing and corporate strategy. She has done public and government relations and



Courtesy of Tema Frank
Consultant and author Tema Frank outside her Toronto office.

marketing for the Canadian Bankers' Association and for two years was marketing manager for the National Bank of Canada. Her freelance writing has appeared in magazines such as *Profit*, *Canadian Business Review*, and *Canadian Banker*.

In researching *Canada's Best Employers for Women*, Frank began by compiling a detailed survey on employment statistics, policies, and practices relating to women in the workplace. She sent it to more than 700 prominent Canadian employers. The only criterion was a minimum size of 50 employees. Beyond that, Frank says, the companies were chosen through a process of "self-selection."

"The companies that responded had to feel that they deserved to be included," Frank explains, "because the survey I asked them to complete was incredibly detailed." Of those approached, 132 companies responded to the survey. Frank later conducted about 120 focus groups and interviewed more than 1,500 women from 70 of those companies to select the 48 employers that made the final cut into her book.

Among the top ten companies ranked in her book are service providers such as financial institutions, health care facilities, and a law firm. Frank's research confirmed that companies in the service industry are generally better at

pleasing people — employees as well as customers.

She levelled the field by comparing employers only to those within their own industries. Therefore, the best employers in traditionally male-dominated, technical industries are "organizations that are trying hard to become good employers for women and are headed in the right direction but have not yet created wonderful working environments," Frank writes in the book. "I included them because they deserve credit for trying."

She believes that organizations that are good for women benefit all employees. While almost every company in the book is also good for men, Frank notes that women inevitably have additional concerns, such as maternity leave and child care. She points out that many workplace innovations — such as mentoring programs, on-site day care, telecommuting and flexible hours — appeal to both men and women.

The discerning author quickly learned not to believe everything she read in company policy manuals. "I discovered that a company can have great-looking policies on paper but they don't translate to reality," says Frank. "It's really essential to talk to people and find out what their experiences are."

Frank became an expert at conducting focus groups, developing an eye for detecting women who might have been planted or hand-picked by their employers. Women volunteered, or, in some cases, were chosen at random for the focus groups and interviews. "In an ideal world, I would have had a perfect, randomly chosen sample [from each company], but that just wasn't possible," says Frank. She doesn't believe that her results were biased, since all participants were able to speak their minds with anonymity.

Many women told her that they were frustrated at their inability to advance beyond the female-dominated clerical workforce. "Many, many

support staff now have degrees and may even be just as qualified for positions as outside applicants," says Frank, "but because of the way they are perceived they are not seriously considered."

For many of Frank's subjects, sharing their experiences through the focus groups was cathartic. "Women thanked me for providing them with the opportunity to talk about their concerns," says Frank, who notes that some participants enjoyed the encounters so much that they have established regular monthly networking meetings.

The focus group results also intrigued employers. Several — including a few who weren't included in the book — were interested in having Frank's assessment of their employment policies for their own purposes. The resulting consulting projects have been one offshoot of the book project for Frank. Public speaking engagements based on the book and its subject are another. Frank explains that the topic is especially timely in Ontario, where provincial employment equity legislation is encouraging employers to examine policies affecting women and other minorities in the workplace.

As a career woman and the mother of a young son, Frank can empathize with the difficulties and frustrations expressed by the working women she met. She says, "I've certainly encountered some of the same things, and that was probably part of my motivation to write the book."

Canada's Best Employers for Women: A Guide for Job Hunters, Employees and Employers, published by Frank Communications, is available at SmithBooks and other bookstores across the country. In Edmonton it can be found at the U of A Bookstore, Audrey's Books, and Orlando Books. In addition, credit card orders for the book may be placed at 1-800-361-5059 for \$22.95, which includes GST, shipping and handling. Tema Frank welcomes inquiries and can be reached at (416) 591-7191.

'38

Joan Hudson, BA, retired from teaching in 1974 and now lives in Lindell Beach, B.C. She serves on the board of her church and enjoys travelling and gardening. She volunteers at a local extended care centre, where she indulges her love of bridge by playing cards with one of the residents. An avid golfer, Joan reports, "I got my first hole in one last summer — after 50 years of golf!"

'40

Eileen Norman, BA, is "long retired" from working at the *Vancouver Sun*, but reports that she keeps busy in the library of the retirement home in which she lives. "Enjoying family and friends and a little leisure," Eileen writes.

'50

Tevie Miller, LLB, '49 BA, '91 LLD (Honorary), was recently appointed to the board of directors of the Edmonton Community Foundation. He is an old friend and supporter of the group, which he helped found in 1971. He is a retired justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta and a former U of A chancellor.

'51

Robert Hironaka, BSc(Ag), '53 MSc, is serving a four-year term as the chancellor of the U of Lethbridge. Robert spent 32 years as a research scientist with Agriculture Canada, specializing in the area of animal nutrition.

'52

Clayton Richman, BSc(Eng), '76 MEd, is semi-retired in Redwood Meadows, Alberta, but still active as a consultant in the field of remote well control and monitoring and other types of automation. He has also worked as a volunteer teacher overseas.

'57

William Myers, BSc(Eng), sits on the board of directors of NOWSCO Well Service Ltd., an international pipeline company. William is the group vice-president of U.S. operations for Pool Energy Services, a major service rig operator in Houston, Texas.

'58

Mary Hooper (Frost), Dip(Ed), '58 BEd, of Qualicum Beach, B.C., reports that she retired from teaching in 1972 and now enjoys writing, hiking, and gardening. After graduating from the Edmonton Normal School in the early '30s, Mary taught in a country school. In the '50s, after raising her family, she returned to teaching at Central High in Sedgewick, Alberta. Mary recalls earning her BEd from the U of A "after many summers of school!"

'59

Peter Hochachka, BSc, a renowned zoologist at UBC, won the 1995 Canada Gold Medal for Science and Engineering from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council for his contributions to the fields of comparative physiology and biochemistry. He is also the first recipient of an award from the Confederation of University Faculty Associations of B.C., which honors a professor who "extends the frontier of ideas."

Craighton Twa, BSc(Eng), is executive vice-president, office of the chairman, for ATCO Ltd. and Canadian Utilities Ltd. He has been with the ATCO group of companies since 1959 and is a former president of Alberta Power.

'62

Harlan Hulleman, BEd, '71 MA, is vice-president, northern Alberta of the Brain Injury Association of Alberta and the editor of its newsletter, called *Hi Hope!*

Alex McPherson, MD, a professor of in the Department of Public Health Sciences at the U of A, has been appointed to the board of directors of NAIT in Edmonton. Now the president and CEO of Biomira Inc., Alex was previously the director of medicine at the Cross Cancer Institute for 13 years. He was deputy minister of Alberta hospitals and medical care until his appointment to the Premier's Commission on Future Health Care for Albertans.

Marvin Skripitsky, BSc, of Scarborough, Ontario, is executive vice-president of the biopharmaceutical company Bioniche Inc. His most recent position before that was vice-president and director of Warner-Lambert's Parke-Davis Canadian division.

Erich von Fange, PhD, has been honored with an award for Christian service from Concordia College in Ann Arbor, Michigan. A professor emeritus at Concordia—Ann Arbor and a faculty member there since 1962, he taught education and psychology at the Lutheran college until his retirement eight years ago.

'63

Larry Brocklebank, BSc(Eng), is vice-president engineering and construction for ATCO Structures Inc. in Calgary.

'64

Prem Kalia, BEd, has retired after 33 years of teaching in St. Paul, Alberta. Prem, who now lives in Edmonton, reports that he recently travelled throughout Asia.

'66

Garry Gibson, MA, '77 PhD, a physical education professor at Augustana U College in Cam-

rose, Alberta, has received the Betty Ostenrud Award for his contributions of time, energy, and talent to the College's cause. After 30 years at the college, Garry retires in the summer of 1995. His career and achievements are to be further recognized at the College's Homecoming in the fall of 1995.

'67

Michael Bannon, MA, the director of The Service Industries Research Centre at University College in Dublin, Ireland, is now acting head of the department of regional and urban planning at that university.

Dennis Jirsch, MD, '70 MSc, '73 PhD, the former vice-president, medicine at the Royal Alexandra Hospitals, is now chief clinical officer for the Capital Health Authority. He is a specialist in pulmonary physiology and transplant immunology.

'68

Barry Dorin, BSc(Eng), is executive vice-president, exploration and production, for Canadian Pioneer Energy Inc. in Calgary. **Roop Gupta**, MSc, '70 PhD, has been named a Fellow of the American Society of Mechanical

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Engineers. He works as a senior research engineer at the NASA Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia.

Allan Scott, BSc(Eng), is president and CEO of Ed Tel. Previously he was vice-president of finance and planning at Canadian Utilities Ltd.

'69

Jack Easton, LLB, '66 BA, has been appointed a judge in the Alberta Family and Youth Court. He was previously a partner in the Edmonton law firm Bryan and Company.

Allen Maydonik, LLB, '66 BA, chairs YMCA Alberta and the

Edmonton YMCA board of directors. He is general counsel and corporate secretary for Luscar Ltd. in Edmonton.

Ronald Starchuk, LLB, '66 BA, is now director of Alberta operations for First American Title Insurance Company in Calgary.

Kenneth Wilson, BSc(Eng), is senior vice-president of sales for Oracle Corporation of Canada, a supplier of information management software and services.

'70

Ernie Jacobson, BA, '71 MA, is

In Memoriam

The Alumni Association has noted with sorrow the passing of the following alumni:

Louie Mildred Williams (Hull) '20 BA, of Edmonton in March 1995

Munroe MacLeod '21 BA, '34 MA, of Edmonton in March 1995

Minnie Hood Sutor '22 BA, of Calgary in April 1995

Ernest Geoffrey Tyson '29 BSc(Ag), of Airdrie, Alberta in February 1995

John Clement Brown '32 BA, of Edmonton in April 1995

Mona Jean Murray (Gordon) '32 BSc(HEC), of Ottawa in February 1995

Janet Alice Ricker (Cain) '32 BA, of Edmonton in March 1995

Marjorie May Black '33 BCom, of Calgary in January 1995

Edward Broughton Swindlehurst '34 BSc(Ag), of Edmonton in March 1995

Dorothy Tuck '34 BCom, of Toronto in April 1995

Robert Silvester Winters '34 Dip(Pharm), of Calgary in January 1995

Anne Laura Fuller '35 Dip(Nu), of Lacey, Washington in March 1995

Eby Quehl '35 MD, of Edmonton in February 1995

Christopher Ritchie '35 BSc(Eng), of Calgary in January 1995

Horace Allen '36 BSc, of Victoria in March 1995

Wilfred Allen Conroy '36 MD, of Novato, California in March 1995

Mary Natalie Stevenson (Faryna) '36 Dip(Nu), of Edmonton in April 1995

John Nekola Decore '37 BA, '38 LLB, '80 LLD, of Edmonton in November 1994

Norah Eileen Horner '37 Dip(Nu), of Edmonton in January 1995

Margaret Augusta Martin (Evans) '37 Dip(Nu), '38 BSc(Nu), of Vancouver in April 1995

Jean Isabel Soper '37 BA, of Edmonton in February 1995

Robert Tillman '37 BA, '40 BDiv, of Vancouver in February 1995

Mary Emma Campbell '38 BSc, of Edmonton in March 1995

Paul Sagar Campbell '38 MD, of England in February 1995

Charles William Coote '39 BSc(Eng), of Calgary in February 1995

Ernest Alfred Lister '39 BCom, of Edmonton in March 1995

Robert Hamilton Nicolson '39 BSc(Eng), of Edmonton in February 1995

Frederick Nicholson Bowden '40 BA, '53 BEd, '53 Dip(Ed), of Edmonton in March 1995

Steve Dembicki '40 BSc(Eng), of Kelowna, BC in January 1995

Kathleen Mary Snow '40 BA, of Calgary in February 1995

Alexander MacRae McQuarrie '41

BSc(Eng), of McAllen, Texas in April 1995

William Schandorff Peterson '42 BSc(Eng), '44 MSc, of Whistler, BC in March 1995

George Wallace Stuart '42 BSc(Ag), of

Edmonton in March 1995

Glenn Alexander Agnew '43 MD, of Vancouver in March 1995

Laura Second Giles (Jackson) '43 BA, of Edmonton in March 1995

Roger Grierson Young '43 BSc, '48 MSc, of Ithaca, New York in August 1994

Dorothy Eugenie Byrn (Ravenscroft) '44 BA, of Sacramento, California in November 1994

Jean Howe Dawdy (Phillips) '44

Dip(Pharm), of Edmonton in May 1995

Arthur Alexandre Guitard '44 BSc, '47 MSc, of Olds, Alberta in February 1995

John Earle Myers '44 BSc(Eng), of Santa Barbara, California in April 1995

Wilfred Rupert Settle '44 BSc, of Edmonton in March 1995

Eric Clayton Ansley '45 BEd, of Edmonton in March 1995

Georgie Ruth Pridmore (Henderson) '45 Dip(Nu), of Comox, BC in April 1995

Harold Edwin Bell '47 BSc, '49 MD, of Edmonton in March 1995

Henry Douglas Gray '47 BSc(Eng), of Queensland Australia

Elsie Maude Howard '47 Dip(Nu), of Edmonton in March 1995

David Nathan Kushner '47 BSc(Pharm), of Edmonton in March 1995

John Douglas Haig McFetridge '47 BEd, '51 MEd, '71 PhD, of Ashmont, Alberta in May 1995

Leonard Crawford Goode '48 BEd, of Calgary in January 1995

Gordon Victor Greenwood '48 BSc(Eng), of Edmonton in March 1995

Peter Joseph Baker '49 BSc, '52 BEd, of Edmonton in March 1995

William Henkel '49 BEd, '53 LLB, of Edmonton in March 1995

Gordon William Mair '49 BCom, of Chester, New York, in January 1995

Thomas Michael McManus '49 BEd, '50 MEd, of Calgary in April 1995

Harold Melvyn Whittles '49 BSc(Eng), of Sudbury, Ontario in April 1995

Kenneth Charles Cox '50 BSc(Ag), of NanOOSE, BC in April 1995

Allan Douglas Fell '50 Dip(Ed), '51 BEd, of Edmonton in March 1995

Hugh Will Humphries '50 BCom, of Calgary in January 1995

Elizabeth Maud Mason '50 Dip(PHNU), of Wetaskiwin, Alberta in February 1995

Helen Louise Ridgeway (Nichols) '50 Dip(Ed), of Edmonton in March 1995

Cecil Grant Schultz '50 BSc(Pharm), of Calgary in March 1995

Morley Frederick Luft '51 BSc(Eng), of Edmonton in March 1995

William Esopenko '52 Dip(Ed), '54 BEd, of Edmonton in April 1995

Yaroslav Roslak '52 BA, '53 LLB, of Edmonton in May 1995

Alfred Edmund Drews '55 BEd, '59 BA, of Edmonton in April 1995

Walter John Elitsky '55 BCom, of Truro, Nova Scotia in April 1995

Margaret Eleanor Campbell (Webb) '56 BSc(Pharm), of Edmonton in March 1995

Strang Henderson Fraser '56 BSc(Ag), of gleichen, Alberta in December 1994

Gustave Oleander Brocke '57 BEd, of Cold Lake, Alberta in March 1995

Marie Aimee Jablonski (Fargier) '58 Dip(Ed), of Edmonton in February 1995

Stephan George Klatzel '59 BEd, of Calgary in January 1995

Ronald Stewart Folkins '63 BSc, '90 BEd, of Calgary in February 1995

Edward Gordon Robinson '63 MD, of Harbor City, California in December 1993

Mervyn Allen McEachern '64 BSc, of Calgary in February 1995

Jens Wilfred Johnson '65 BEd, of Lacombe, Alberta in April 1995

Clinton Myles Lacroix '65 BEd, '70 MEd, of Edmonton in April 1995

Michelle Monchamp '68 BEd, of Winnipeg in February 1994

Bernardina Helena Geodhart '69 BA, of Edmonton in March 1995

William Stephen Grigel '69 BSc(Eng), '72 MSc, of Englewood, California in March 1995

James Raymond Reid '69 BA, '72 MSc, '77 PhD, of Medicine Hat, Alberta in November 1994

Nelda Lorraine Baker (Carter) '70 BA, of Calgary in January 1995

Alice Lynn Delany '70 Dip(Nu), '72 BSc(Nu), '82 MEd, of Edmonton in April 1995

Brian Parnell Hayley '70 BA, '76 MA, of Calgary in March 1995

Sister Claire Marie Lamothe '70 BEd, of Falher, Alberta in January 1995

William Richard Paches '70 BSc, of Vancouver, in April 1995

Susan Woodward '70 BSc(Nu), of Winnipeg in March 1995

Wayne Peter Berg '71 BSc, '72 MBA, of Edmonton in February 1995

Mildred Irene Carrington '71 BEd, of Edmonton in February 1995

Alice Grace '71 BA, of Edmonton in March 1995

Jean Yauw '71 BSc(Pharm), of Edmonton in February 1995

Verna Marie Cain (Carlsen) '72 BEd, of Edmonton in January 1995

Mark Priegert '72 BA, of Toronto in January 1995

John Brian Pullishy '73 BCom, of Edmonton in March 1995

Jo Anne Skeith (Whelihan) '73 BSc, of Calgary in April 1995

Joseph Weisgerber '73 BSc, of Edmonton in February 1995

Donald Boyd Bauerfind '74 BEd, '77 MEd, of St. Albert, Alberta in May 1995

Betty Ann Northcott '74 BEd, of Entwistle, Alberta in March 1995

Rudolf Horst Stephan '75 BCom, of Red Deer, Alberta

Roland Bertram Phillip Lang '76 BEd, of Spruce Grove, Alberta in March 1995

Fiona Crichton Cobban '77 Dip(Nu), of Westlock, Alberta in January 1995

Beverly Rose Jessop (Doenz) '77 BEd, of Lethbridge, Alberta in October 1993

Glen Wayne Perkins '77 BA, of Delta, BC in July 1994

Brian Reginald Poon '77 BEd, of Vermilion, Alberta in February 1995

Richard Joseph Schesnuk '77 BA, of Toronto in March 1995

Joseph Gerard Dragatis '78 BEd, of St. Albert, Alberta in January 1995

Paul Henry Vincent Dupuis '79 LLB, of Calgary in March 1995

Bradley Ernest Rytz '81 BA, of San Francisco, California in March 1995

Mark Stefanick '82 BSc(Eng), of Edmonton in February 1995

Denise Evelyn Muriel Briere (Pirie) '85 BEd, of Kinuso, Alberta in March 1995

John Paul Klinck '87 BMS, '90 MD, of Calgary in January 1995

Glen Richard Harvey '91 BCom, of Edmonton in February 1995

Glenn Michael Hendryx '92 BA, of Vancouver in April 1995

serving his fifth consecutive term as chair of the board of directors of Capital City Savings and Credit Union Ltd. He is the assistant program head of the business administration program at NAIT.

David Sanders, BCom, is an Edmonton stockbroker and a partner in the investment firm Sanders & Beckingham. He recently created Southesk Energy Ltd., which is a closed-end mutual fund investing in the oil and gas market.

'71

Allan Lefever, LLB, '67 BEd, is president of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Alberta and N.W.T. A lawyer with the Edmonton firm Reynolds Mirth Richards and Farmer, Allan has served on the board of the foundation for the past 12 years.

Yvonne Myrehaug (Johnson), BSc, recently received the Betty Osterud Award at Augustana U College in Camrose, Alberta. The award recognizes her contributions to researching and establishing a new accounting system. Yvonne is currently acting director of finances for the College, and has also served as human resources officer and the administrative assistant to the vice-president.

'72

Peter Costigan, LLB, '68 BEd, a partner in the law firm Brownlee Fryett since 1976, has been appointed a judge of the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench in Edmonton.

Michael Ross, BCom, chairs the board of trustees of the General Hospital (Grey Nuns) of Edmonton Foundation. Michael is a partner and practice director with Ernst & Young Management Consultants.

'73

David Morgan, BSc(Eng), reported this past March that he was planning a move to N.W.T. to join the territorial mine safety division as head of all open pit mines, including proposed diamond mines.

Richard Seibel, MSc, who lives in Pompton Lakes, New Jersey, recently completed a master's degree in computer science

from the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

'74

Dominique Abrioux, MA, '79 PhD, was recently appointed to a five-year term as president of Athabasca U, where he has been teaching since 1978 as a professor in the Faculty of Arts. **Justine Katunzi**, BEd, lives in Tanzania, where she is a journalist and the deputy director at a Christian station, Radio-Video Tumaini. She writes, "I love U of A!"

James McFarland, MSc, is the new president and CEO of Husky Oil Ltd. in Calgary. Previously he was a vice-president with Exxon Production Research in Houston, Texas.

'75

Wing-Kee Chan, BSc, '82 BSc(Eng), lives in Beijing with his wife and two children. He is the engineering manager for Fracmaster China Ltd.

'76

Paul Kompauer, BSc(Eng), of Surrey, B.C., has been elected the 1995 president of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of B.C. **Philip Lachambre**, BCom, is now the chief financial officer and vice-president, business and corporate affairs, for Syncrude Canada Ltd. He has been with Syncrude since 1975.

William Mathewson, BA, a former executive director of the Edmonton Community Foundation, is now a client service officer at the Edmonton Centre branch of Royal Trust.

James Mitchelson, MBA, has been appointed president and CEO of Stone Creek Properties Inc., a Calgary-based company which is developing the Silver-Tip residential and resort community at Canmore, Alberta.

Gordon Uhlich, BA, recently moved back to Calgary with his wife and two daughters after spending the first half of 1994 in Hungary. Gordon, who works in corporate design and construction for Canada Safeway, was involved in the promotion, renovation, and privatization of "a chain of aging grocery stores" based in Budapest. "We all miss the interesting times we had but I am also

glad to be back in Calgary ... We are looking forward to hosting our friends from Hungary and the U.K. when they visit Canada."

'77

Paul Conrad, BPE, has been named the general manager of the Alberta Northern Lights Wheelchair Basketball Society.

James Miller, BCom, lives in Richmond, B.C., with his wife and three children. He was recently named vice-president, marketing, of Surrey Metro Savings. Located in Surrey, B.C., it is Canada's second-largest credit union.

Joshua Miller, BA, director of development with the Super-channel pay television network in Edmonton, is serving a two-year term on the board of the Alberta Foundation for the Arts.

'78

Merla Dyck, PhD, is on a one-year assignment with the Mennonite Central Committee as an administrative and management coordinator of

the Saskatoon Sexual Assault and Information Centre. Previously, Merla was the director of Mission Effectiveness and Education Services at Grace Hospital in Calgary.

Sheila Gurba (Zieper), BA, has been an Air B.C. pilot for the last five years. Previously, she was a reservation and ticket agent for Wardair and a flying instructor in Edmonton. Sheila has been married for 14 years and has two children. "Love life on an acreage near Devon, Alberta."

Anne Mains, BSc, lives in Nairobi, Kenya, where she runs a program for mentally and physically handicapped children. She is also coordinator of the Canadian Community Club and co-chair of the communications committee for an upcoming international conference. "I flunked assertiveness training three times and have no spare time. The great thing about living in Africa is there are lots of things you can do without the proper training." Anne would

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like to hear from any other U of A Mixed Chorus alumni now living in Kenya, if there are any.

'79

Elizabeth Hurley (Kiryuczuk), BCom, is now heading the executive search operations of Deloitte and Touche Management Consultants in Edmonton. Previously, she spent 12 years with the Alberta government, most recently as the manager of Executive Search.

Liane Melnyk, BA(RecAdmin), is an administrative assistant for the B.C. Marketing Board in Victoria. **Mary Moreau**, LLB, recently became a judge of the Alberta

Court of Queen's Bench. She was previously a partner in the Edmonton law firm Frolich, Irwin and Rand.

Felix Sperling, BSc, '86 MSc, and **Janet Sperling (Haley)**, '83 BSc(Ag), '88 MSc, and their two sons recently moved to Berkeley, California. Felix is an assistant professor of arthropod systematics in the Department of Environmental Science, Policy and Management at the U of California in Berkeley.

'80

Sheila Redel, LLB, is director of professional education with the Law Society of Manitoba. In that position she is in charge of the bar admission course and continuing legal education in Manitoba.

'81

Richard Palmer, BCom, has been named vice-president, finance and corporate secretary by Baton Broadcasting, a Toronto-based communications company that operates 20 television stations in Ontario and Saskatchewan. He has been with the company for seven years, most recently as corporate controller.

Susan Steward (Staniland), BEd, and **Randy Steward**, '85 BA, recently moved from Calgary to Toronto, where Randy is a customer franchise manager for Kraft Canada Inc. Susan reports that she keeps busy with their two children and with volunteer work she does in the local school, their church, and the community.

Andra Weis, BA, '89 BCom, of Vancouver reports that she is the controller of The Flying Wedge Pizza Company Ltd. Andra recently received her Certified Internal Auditor designation.

'82

Laura Ferguson, BCom, an accountant with the Environmental Law Centre, now sits on the board of directors of the Edmonton Community Foundation. She has been a member of the Foundation's distribution committee for the past five years.

Bryan Hamman, BA, '84 BSc(Ag), '91 MSc, lives in Thailand, where he volunteers at a

school for blind children which promotes integration. He was married in 1990, to another Canadian living in Thailand. He and his wife have a young daughter.

Lucy Rachynski, BA, '87 BEd, '93 MEd, is the training coordinator for Crestbrook Forest Industries in Cranbrook, B.C., overseeing training needs and programs for three sawmill and planer operations. Previously, she was a workplace training consultant with the Open Learning Agency in Prince George, B.C.

John Van Roessel, BSc(Ag), and **Susanne Van Roessel**, BSc(Ag), live in Calgary, where Susanne works for Indian Oil and Gas, and John runs a landscape business, called JVR Landscape. "[We] were married (after all these years) on January 7, 1995," they report.

'83

Denise Jevne, BCom, earned an MBA from California's Stanford U in 1988, and is now a funds analyst for George Soros in Manhattan.

Tony Kesler, MEd, and **Susan MacKinnon-Kesler**, MNU, and their three children live in Saskatoon. After graduation, Tony worked as an educational psychologist based in Tisdale, Saskatchewan, and he is now the education equity coordinator at the Kelsey Institute at the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology. Susan, who has worked in intensive care nursing in both Saskatoon and Tisdale, is now a certified image consultant and a Canadian director with BeautyControl Cosmetics of Dallas, Texas.

Richard Mah, BSc, '88 MSc, a technician in the Department of Biological Sciences at the U of A, was recently engaged to be married.

Cathy Orr (Glen), BSc(HEC), reports that she is enjoying her work as manager of the window covering division of RUO Office Products in Calgary.

'84

Connie Clifford (Kitney), MLS, is the librarian for CAE Aviation at the Edmonton International Airport. Previously, Connie was a part-time librari-

an at the Chief Medical Examiner's Office in Edmonton.

Steve Knudsen, BSc, '87 MSc, and **Katherine Crerar**, '87 BSc(Eng), have moved from Halifax to Calgary. They now have jobs in Calgary, but Steve is still affiliated, as an adjunct professor, with the Technical U of Nova Scotia. "Enjoying raising our two-year-old daughter," Steve reports. **James Pratt**, BCom, of Red Deer is a partner in Sepp's Gourmet Foods Ltd., which was recently named one of Canada's 50 best-managed private companies by *The Financial Post*.

'85

Pamela Geddes (McFadden), BCom, and **Don Geddes**, '90 BSc(Ag), recently moved to a hobby farm located west of Stony Plain, Alberta. Pamela is the executive director of the Fort Edmonton Historical Foundation.

Irene Kwan, BA, '88 MEd, and **Kevin Chiu**, '83 BCom, '85 MBA, were married in 1990 and now live in Hong Kong, where Irene is a student counsellor at a post-secondary institution.

'86

John Bulmer, BSc(AgEng), was recently appointed director of public works for the town of Bonnyville, Alberta. John writes that he is "keeping company with a fantastic woman and thoroughly enjoying life. Life is great!"

Jayne Christoffel (Montgomery), BEd, teaches instrumental music to students in grades 7 to 9 for Edmonton Public Schools.

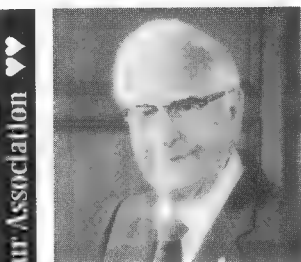
'87

Mona Almberg (McKay), BCom, and her husband live on a cattle farm south of Czar, Alberta. Mona works part time as a loans officer with the Wainwright Credit Union.

James Andrekson, LLB, '76 BA, '80 BSc, '84 Cert(Sc), and **Christine Lilje**, '91 DDS, live in Calgary, where Christine has her own dental practice and Jim works for the investment firm Scotia McLeod. Christine reports that the two were married in "a lovely



Salute to Volunteers



Allan McQuarrie, '41 BSc, first got involved with alumni affairs when he moved to Calgary in 1948 to open the Aviation Forecast Office at the Calgary International Airport — a service essential to Trans-Canada Airlines establishing its trans-mountain routes. He was instrumental in the formation of the Calgary alumni branch and was one of its first presidents. In 1966, Allan moved to Victoria and retired there in 1975. He has served as the Victoria Branch President and for the past 25 years has been its "photographer emeritus." The invaluable contribution he has made to the Victoria Branch and its pictorial history was recognized at this year's Annual Meeting where Allan received a volunteer recognition certificate.

Volunteers are the heart of your Association

outdoor ceremony in Jasper, Alberta in August 1994."

Marlene Clark (Horn), BEd, lives with her husband and young daughter on a farm near Hughenden, Alberta.

Richard Harley, BSc, '89 BCom, is a senior analyst, product profitability for the Royal Bank of Canada in Montreal. Richard participated in an exchange with the Stockholm School of Economics in spring '94, obtaining an International Certificate in Finance. In fall '94, Richard earned an MBA in international finance from McGill U.

Leslie Jevne-Parker, BEd, is the music specialist at the Canadian International School in Hong Kong. This past November, Leslie conducted her school choir for Prime Minister Chretien and his delegation during their recent visit to Hong Kong.

Charlene Porsild, BA(CdnSt), teaches the history of the Canadian west at the U of Colorado in Boulder.

Dwayne Sorobey, BA, recently returned to Canada after finishing grad school at UCLA and working in the finance field in California, New York, and Japan. Dwayne and his wife now live in Calgary, where he is a financial consultant with Wood Gundy.

'88

Heather Dundas, BSc, was expecting to receive her MSc from the U of Saskatchewan this past spring for her work on the habitat requirements of an endangered shorebird, the piping plover. Heather is the program coordinator of Native Saskatchewan, a provincial conservation organization.

Marilyn Herrmann, LLB, '85 BA, is a partner in the Medicine Hat law firm Niblock & Company. Marilyn practises mainly in the area of litigation, with an emphasis on family law. She reports that she is involved in many community activities and "happy to be living so close to my hundreds of relatives."

Bernadette Luyckx, BEd, who teaches in Japan, wrote this past February to report that she would be heading a new

English conversation program at a private girls' junior high and high school. "And enjoying a new house," Bernadette reports.

Robert McDonald, LLB, was admitted to the bar in 1989 and is now a partner in the Edmonton law firm Emery Jamieson. Rob is a registered trademark

agent who teaches copyright and trademark law at the U of A, sits on the board of the Canadian Copyright Licensing Agency, and is vice-chair of the Canadian Bar Association's Intellectual Property Section. **Shana Wilson**, BCom, is the president of the Timber Ranch Furniture Co., a mail-order

catalogue furniture sales company that she runs out of her Edmonton home.

'89

Marvin Dobish, BPE, has worked for the Alberta Basketball Association for the past three years. He was married in 1994, and his wife is a nurse at the U of A Hospitals.

Pair of Geminis to U of A Actors



Nancy Beatty in the made-for-television film *Life With Billy*.

At the gala opening of the Timms Centre for the Arts on 30 March 1995, U of A President Rod Fraser noted the illustrious legacy of the Department of Drama. Two of the brightest lights he identified were former U of A drama students **Nancy Beatty**, '69 BFA, and **Paul Gross** — both recent winners of Gemini Awards for excellence in Canadian television.

Gross, a southern Alberta native who acted with Studio Theatre in the early '80s, was named the best actor in a continuing leading dramatic role for his portrayal of strait-laced Constable Benton Fraser in the popular Canadian-made CBS series *Due South*. *Due South* also received numerous other Geminis — including best television movie, for its pilot episode; best writing in a dramatic series; and best dramatic series — at the awards ceremony held in Toronto in early March.

The man behind the poker-faced and unfailingly polite Mountie character is more than a television heartthrob.

An award-winning writer, Gross has been playwright-in-residence at the Stratford Festival, Toronto Free Theatre, and The Grand Theatre Company. In addition, he has received critical acclaim and numerous awards for his work in live theatre, has starred in the television mini-series *Chasing Rainbows* and *Tales of the City*, and in the feature film *Aspen Extreme*.

Toronto-based Nancy Beatty was named best actress in a leading role in a dramatic program or mini-series for the harrowing CBC movie *Life With Billy*, based on the true story of an abusive marriage in rural Nova Scotia. The abused woman, Jane Hurshman, shot her husband to death in 1982, and was later acquitted of first degree murder but convicted of manslaughter. Also a multiple Gemini winner, *Life With Billy* took awards for best leading actor and best direction in a dramatic program or mini-series.

"Because it's a true story, it's bound to be very difficult," the

actress says of the months she spent inhabiting the character of Jane Hurshman. To prepare for the role, Beatty relied on the novel by Brian Vallée, which was the basis for the film, and also met some of the real-life friends and relatives of the abused woman.

Beatty, who is married to U of A graduate **Robert Fyfe**, '69 BA, '73 Dip(Ed), a high school English teacher, performs mainly on stage. Recently she starred as the late American artist Georgia O'Keeffe, portraying her in the final years of her life in a Toronto production of the play *Far Away Nearby* — directed, coincidentally, by U of A alumna **Jo Ann McIntyre**, '72 BFA. Beatty also appeared last year in the film *Henry and Verlin*.

Optimistic about future projects, Beatty says she has been fortunate lately in work-



Paul Gross in *Due South*.

ing with "wonderful scripts." With prestigious Gemini Awards under their belts, high calibre work should continue to come in the direction of both of these talented graduates.

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Deadlines for applications for awards during the 1996-97 academic year are: September 30, 1995 for Canadian scholars; August 1, 1995, for American faculty; October 30, 1995 for American graduate students.

Further information and application packages may be obtained from: The Foundation for Educational Exchange, Suite #2015, 350 Albert Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1R 1A4, (613) 237-5366, fax (613) 237-2029, or by e-mail at av551@freenet.carleton.ca

John Higgins, BSc(OT), '86 BSc, works in occupational therapy and psychiatry at the Grey Nuns Hospital in Edmonton. Outside of work, he writes and arranges music for a Baha'i community choir he directs. "We've moved to Edmonton to be closer to the U of A so my daughter may study music," John reports.

'90

David Fildes, BCom, was recently married in Calgary. David works overseas, as an oil futures trader with Shell International Trading Co. in London.

Lilie Hum, BSc, is completing a B.C. teaching certificate program at Simon Fraser U in Burnaby, B.C. "Enjoying teaching grades 8 and 9," Lilie writes.

Georgia Makowski (Gunn), BSc(Pharm), '94 MLIS, the marketing manager of the Alberta Health Knowledge

network of University Information Enterprises at the U of A, is the recipient of the 1995 Rittenhouse Award. The award, sponsored by Rittenhouse Booksellers, recognizes Georgia's work in the field of clinical medical librarianship.

Jeff Prochnau, BSc(AgEng), is researching direct seeding for Alberta Agriculture's food and rural development section in Edmonton. Jeff, his wife, and their son, born in February 1995 live on a farm near Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta.

'91

Kevin Douville, BCom, and **Tammy Kushner**, '92 BA, live in Fort St. James, B.C. Kevin is deputy treasurer of the district municipality of Fort St. James and Tammy is a probation officer. They were married in Qualicum Beach, B.C., on New Year's Eve 1992.

Marion Elliott, BCom, has been doing contract work in Edinburgh since graduating from the U of Edinburgh last year. At last report, she was planning to return to Calgary in September 1995.

Rosabel Fast, MEd, is an education coordinator in northern Mexico for the Mennonite Central Committee Canada.

Darren Grosky, BED, teaches at a junior high school on a northern Alberta Metis settlement near Gift Lake, Alberta. Darren reports that he is also an assistant coach with the national and provincial biathlon teams.

Susan Irla (Aleksiuk), BED, and **Larry Irla**, BED, '88 BCom, were married in July 1994 and now live in Spirit River, Alberta. Larry teaches business

education and Susan is on a one-year maternity leave from teaching grades 1 and 2 to spend time with their young son.

Melissa Wang Jackson, BSc(Pharm), lives in Calgary with her husband son, who was born last year.

Gordon King, BPE, and **Tanya King (Esselmont)**, BPE, both graduated last year from the BED program at UBC, and they now teach full time in Salmon Arm, B.C.

Abul Salek, MSc, is a software designer at Bell-Northern

Research in Ottawa.

Diane Shapka, BED, who taught in Ontario after graduation, has returned to Alberta and lives in Turner Valley. She reports that she is "a new mom and enjoying the year off with my baby."

'92

Dean Cluff, MSc, is a polar bear biologist for the N.W.T. government in Yellowknife.

Dean manages the harvest of polar bears in the area and collaborates with other biologists and Native hunters to compile the inventory of Canada's polar bear population.

Brian Drewry, BPE, a former *Gateway* reporter, attended journalism school in Vancouver after graduation. He is now a sports reporter for *The Fort Saskatchewan Record*.

Jane Lamothe (Kruselnicki), MLIS, and **Blair Lamothe**, Dip(Sc), live in Saskatoon, where Blair is a meteorologist with Environment Canada and Jane is the science reference librarian at the U of Saskatchewan. "We enjoy Saskatoon very much!"

Karen McClure, MA, is completing a PhD in cognitive psychology at Michigan State U in East Lansing.

Judith O'Shea (Keating), MA, is a lecturer at Australian Catholic U in North Sydney. She reports that she was recently married.

'93

Camille Cooper, BSc, has completed a master's degree in mathematics from York U and is now working on a PhD in mathematics.

Sandy Kalia, LLB, '90 BA, is working as a lawyer in B.C. after recently spending six months in London, England.

Kit Koon, BA, of Richmond, B.C., works part time as a reporter at a Chinese television station and as a translator.

"Still planning to go to Japan but the door is not open yet," she reports.

'94

Jackie Muirhead, BA, of Vancouver is an investor relations officer for the gold-mining company Miramar Mining Corporation.

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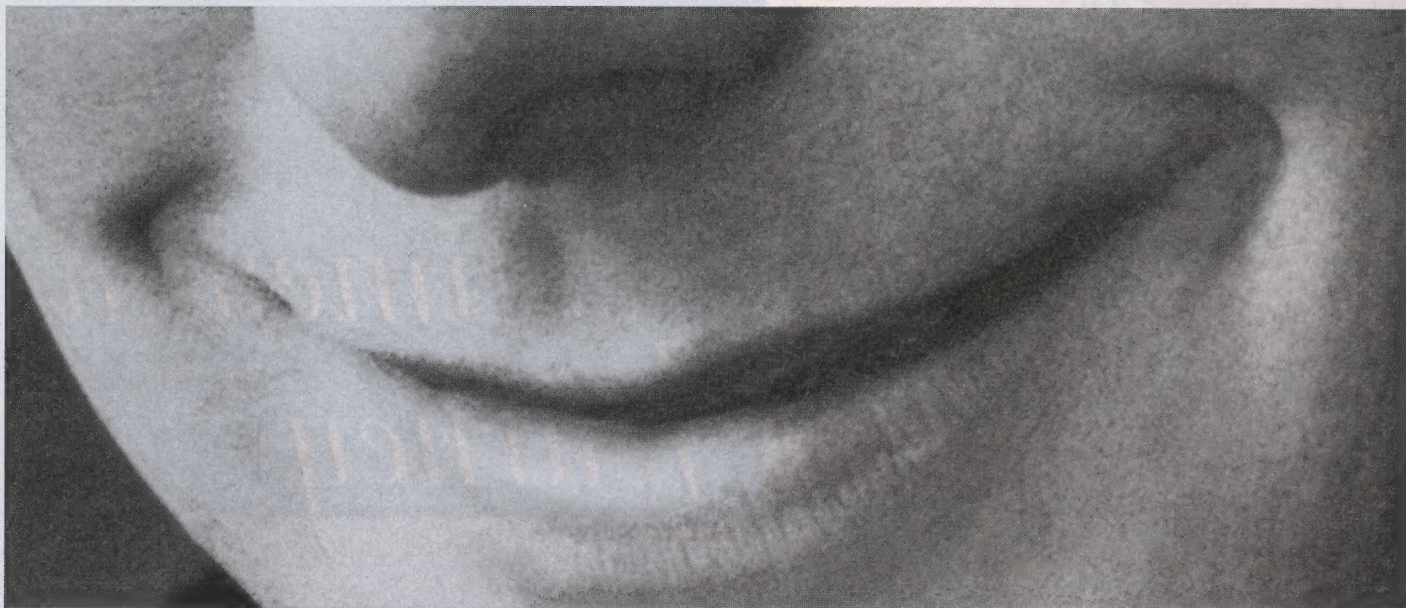
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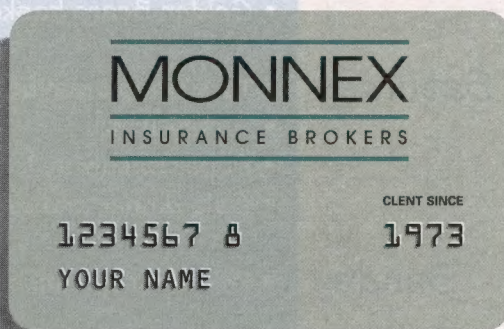


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